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EMPOWERED WORDS OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Big Idea: The power gifts, like words of wisdom and knowledge, release the powerful presence of God into the life of the church.

The Challenge: How do we navigate the discomfort of experiencing events that we cannot manufacture or control in the power gifts? As a church, we want to have expectation and anticipation for Jesus to be at work through his Spirit at KAC, in a way that is aligned with Scripture.

Pastoral Prayer for this Message:

- People would be more open to the work of the Holy Spirit.
- People at KAC would feel loved and met by Jesus through the expression of these gifts.
- We would have a Word and Spirit church!

Questions for Discussion:

1. Guidelines for the Power Gifts

- Why are guidelines like this, as we think about the expression of gifts like prophecy, tongues, or words of knowledge and wisdom?
- Pastor Chris shared a few of these guidelines. Which one stuck out to you the most? Why this particular one?

2. Words of Knowledge - 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

- Like many of the power gifts, this gift (with two expressions) are spontaneous and circumstantial. What does this mean?
- Jesus, being full of the Holy Spirit, demonstrated these gifts with divine knowledge of people, situations, and motivations (read Luke 6:6-8). What does this say about Jesus, and about this gift (given through the Spirit) to the church?
- Read Acts 5:1-4. We see this gift in action in the early church. If this gift was to be properly expressed at KAC, how would this improve or edify our church?
- Pastor Chris said that this is one gift with two expressions. What are the differences between words of knowledge and words of wisdom?

3. Words of Wisdom – 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

- Have you ever had a strong impression that the Lord wanted to use you to tell someone else a timely word. What was this like? Have you been on the receiving end of an interaction like this? What was that like?
- What are you currently confused about in your life? Pray that God would give you, or someone else in your group, a word for you that would bring clarity and encouragement.
- How does the Scripture help both inform this gift, as well as ensure that this gift is released properly at KAC?

Application: Ask your group to be courageous. Ask people if they want to share a situation in their life where they could use some clarity and encouragement from God. If someone does share, invite your group to go to a time of prayer, asking that God would give them a word of wisdom or knowledge for this person. After 2-3 minutes of silence, ask if someone had an impression, picture or vision, or headline that God may want them to know or be reminded of.

Be ok if no one shares, or if the word of knowledge/wisdom does not land. We want to take intentional steps of practicing these gifts.