



“Spirit-Empowered Ministry”

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But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!” -1 Corinthians 14:24-25,

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” - Luke 11:9-13

1. Have you ever had a negative experience with a spiritual gift that you feel was being misused and the end result was more harmful than helpful to you? Did this play a role in how you view spiritual gifts today?
2. Read 1 Cor 14:24-25. In the sermon Pastor Steve said: *“One of the functions of spiritual gifts is to show evidence of God’s presence among his people, which leads to faith.* Have you ever personally seen this verse/statement in action, where you experienced the reality of God’s presence through the exercising of someone’s spirit-empowered spiritual gift(s)?
3. Read Luke 11:9-13. How often and how earnestly do you ask for the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit (to serve and edify others) in your life? What is one spiritual gift that you would like to ask God for and how can others in your group pray for that with you?