

Marinating in God's Word: Acts 2: 1- 4, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

This is Pentecost Sunday. Today we will consider both the story of the Spirit's coming at Pentecost, and how the Spirit gifted early Christians for ministry – for that same Spirit comes to us with gifts.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the baptism in the Spirit, who would ready them for their mission (Acts 1:4-5). What is our mission? We have new life in Christ, the scripture, the church, and the talents he has given us. What more do we need? Why?
- The Corinthian church had been blessed by God with an outpouring of the Spirit, and with the Spirit came the spiritual gifts. Unfortunately, the church was misusing the gifts, and so Paul wrote chapters 12 and 14 to correct them. Have you seen spiritual gifts misused? What was the impact?
- Name the nine gifts Paul lists here. Notice the somewhat different list in vv. 28-30. As best as you can, describe how each of the nine gifts listed in vv. 8-10 work. Which of these have you seen in action? What happened? Which have you experienced yourself?
- How might we step into greater anointing with the Spirit and ministry in his gifts?

Next week our focus will be on Obadiah, as we begin a summer series on the Old Testament prophets.