

FAST-TRACK GUIDE

Welcome to week 7 and 8 of Fast-Track! These next two weeks see us dive into the imperative topic of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. We are trusting for you to leave the next two weeks with a deeper understanding of who the Holy Spirit is, what it means to be filled with and lead by Him and finally what it looks like to step out and start using the gifts that you have been given by the Holy Spirit.

We are believing that as we ask the Father to give us the Holy Spirit and then begin to walk with Him, we will start to experience a whole new dynamic to our following of Christ. Get ready for an adventure of a life-time!

"From the descent of the Holy Spirit at the beginning we may learn something concerning His operations at the present time. Remember at the outset that whatever the Holy Spirit was at the first, He is that now, for as God, He remains forever the same-whatever He did then He is able to do still, for His power is by no means diminished"

-Charles Spurgeon on the Holy Spirit

#GhostStories

WEEK SEVEN – PRAYING FOR THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Who Can Be Filled with the Spirit?

Anyone who has been truly born again can and should immediately be filled with the Holy Spirit. This wonderful experience is not just for special Christians who have reached a certain level of holiness or spiritual maturity in their lives. Nor is it only for a certain class of people belonging to a particular church group or denomination. This promise is for all Christians of all ages (Acts 2:17-18; 38-39).

Who Can Pray with Others to Be Filled with the Spirit?

Anyone who has been filled with the Spirit can lead someone else into this marvelous experience. The chief requirement in praying for others to be filled with the Spirit is a sincere desire to see others blessed and used by God.

Elements Involved in Receiving the Holy Spirit

It is helpful for the Christian to understand five important spiritual elements involved in a person's being filled with the Holy Spirit. These are desire, faith, prayer, obedience, and yieldedness to God. Let's look briefly at each of these elements:

1. Desire.

The Bible often stresses the importance of desire in seeking after God. God once said to Israel, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matt. 5:6). In another place, while teaching on how to receive the Holy Spirit, He said, "Seek [literally, "keep seeking"] and you will find" (Luke 11:9). Persistent seeking is a fruit of desire. The seeker must know that God will only give His Spirit to those who ardently seek His face.

2. Faith.

Faith is the prime ingredient in receiving anything from God, including the Holy Spirit. Paul reminded the Galatian Christians that they had received the Holy Spirit, not by the works of the law, but "by believing what [they] heard" (Gal. 3:2). Jesus said that the Spirit would flow through "whoever believes in me" (John 7:38). One aim of the person leading others into the baptism in the Holy Spirit must therefore be to inspire faith in the heart of the seeker.

3. Prayer.

The Holy Spirit is given in answer to believing prayer. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Luke 11:9). In another place He taught, "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24-25). When Jesus was anointed by the Spirit, He was praying (Luke 3:21-22). Before the disciples received the Spirit at Pentecost, "they all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14). Before Paul was

filled with the Spirit he spent time in prayer (9:11). Anyone desiring to be filled with the Spirit must earnestly seek God's face in prayer.

4. Obedience.

An obedient heart is essential to receiving the Holy Spirit. Peter said that God gives the Holy Spirit "to those who obey him" (Acts 5:32). He was talking specifically about those who will obey God and preach the gospel (v. 29-32). The primary purpose for receiving the Holy Spirit is to receive power to witness (Acts 1:8), and God is ready to empower those who are ready to obey His command to share the gospel with the lost.

5. Yieldedness to God.

Yieldedness to God is another vital element in receiving the Holy Spirit. Just as one being baptized in water must yield to the pastor, the one being baptized in the Holy Spirit must yield completely to Jesus. The seeker should therefore be instructed to yield his or her entire being to the Lord. This yieldedness should include their entire being: spirit, mind, and body (Rom. 6:13; 12:1). It is through such yieldedness that the Holy Spirit will fill the person, take control of his vocal organs, and begin to speak through him in other tongues.

WEEK SEVEN - THE HOLY SPIRIT (NOTES TO WORK THROUGH IN THE SESSION)

John.14:15-17/25-26

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be ^[c] in you.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Why speak about the Holy Spirit:

1. The Life of the Spirit brings _____ of God

-All believers have to live with a _____ and _____ experience of God today

-Only way to do this is by the revelation of the Holy Spirit and living in the power of the Holy Spirit

Romans.8:13

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

2. The life of the Spirit brings _____

3. The Life of the Spirit brings the _____

-The Spirit-empowered life of walking in the miraculous

-Wouldn't just know about Him but that we would come to know, love and enjoy His presence

-To be awakened by him and be empowered by Him to walk a life of Christ-likeness

Two Imperatives to know about the Holy Spirit:

1. Holy Spirit is _____

-Co-equal, fully powerful but with a unique role

-not some impersonal force

John.1:1-3

Romans.8:8-9

“counsellor”

-like Jesus but different

John.16:7

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the _____ will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

2. Holy Spirit is a _____

-not just a force or tool of the trinity

Ephesians.4:30

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

-Holy Spirit can be grieved

-Holy Spirit has a mind

-Holy Spirit has a will

-Holy Spirit speaks

-Holy Spirit counsels and teaches

What does the Holy Spirit do?

1. He teaches us (John.14:26)

2. He is our guarantee of salvation (Ephesians.1:14)

3. He makes us faithful (Galatians.5:22)

4. He shows us Jesus (John.15:26)
5. Fills us with joy (1.Thessalonians.1:6)
6. He guides us into truth (John.16:13)
7. He tells us about the future (1.Corinthians.2:9-10)
8. He empowers us for supernatural ministry (Acts.1:8)
9. He gives us gifts (1.Corinthians.12:4)
10. He gives us supernatural wisdom (1.Corinthians.2)
11. He encourages us (Acts.9:31)
12. He speaks to us (Matthew.10:19-20) (Revelation.2:7)
13. He reveals the Father to us (Ephesians.2:18)
14. Only by the Spirit are we adopted (Romans.8:15-17)
15. He gives us revelation (1.Corinthians.2:10)
16. He brings conviction to the world (John.16:8)
17. He leads us into freedom (2.Corinthians.3:17)
18. He helps us to pray (Romans.8:26)
19. He helps us to become like God (2.Corinthians.3:18)

Acts.1:4-9

⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait** for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

-A gift given by the _____

-A gift not earned, not deserved

Acts.2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

How do we get baptized in the Holy Spirit?

1. Believe
2. Expect
3. Worship
4. Thirst
5. Obey
6. Wait

What will happen?

1. You will be filled with _____
2. Your _____ will change
3. Births a _____ for the Kingdom of God

WEEK SEVEN GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions and Applications

Read

John.14:15-21

Discuss

- What comes to your mind when you hear the words, “the Holy Spirit”?
- Why do you think we struggle with the Holy Spirit the most out of the trinity?
- According to the passage of scripture we read together, what is Jesus promising that the Holy Spirit will do?
- What does it mean to be full of the Holy Spirit?
- What does it mean to be led by the Holy Spirit?
- Why would you say it is important for our everyday following of Jesus to have the Holy Spirit?
- What does it mean to be in the power of the Holy Spirit?
- Why would having the Holy Spirit be vital for us as we attempt to make disciples for Christ?
- How do you receive the Holy Spirit?

PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Recap:

-He is a gift from the Father and He is vital to our following of Jesus as well as for our making disciples for Jesus.

-We receive this gift (The Holy Spirit) by faith

Application Questions (to be answered before you finish)

What has the Holy Spirit done in my life tonight?

How can I develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Write out a prayer of worship to the Holy Spirit:

WEEK SEVEN - TAKE HOME APPLICATION POINTS

GOAL= Get to deeply know the Holy Spirit (#GhostStories)

The Father, Son and who? The Holy Spirit has sometimes been referred to as the forgotten God because of christianities uncertain way of approaching him. We are convinced by Jesus' words as well as others experience in scripture and church history that it is impossible to fully out-walk "come follow me" without the Holy Spirit's empowering. Over the next two weeks of Fast-Track we are praying that we would develop a deep love and close walk with the Holy Spirit and in a sense begin to demystify the Holy Ghost.

HELPFUL TIPS TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL THIS WEEK=

- Set your alarm for 30 minutes earlier than your usual wake up time (and refuse the snooze!)
- Get a cup of tea/coffee, your bible and your notepad and pen. Find a comfortable (but not put-you-back-to-sleep comfortable) chair.
- Before you read anything, close your eyes and ask the Holy Spirit to help you stay awake, keep you focused and most importantly to help you encounter Jesus as you read and pray.
- Read the prescribed scripture for the day (see bible reading plan at back of this booklet).
- Use the REAP method (Read, Examine, Apply and Pray)
 - Look for context (see your guide notes for extra help with this)
 - Look for Jesus (see your guide notes for extra help with this)
 - Look for application (see your guide notes for extra help with this)
- Step out in boldness with each practical application and don't shrug them off as optional extras. Embrace the Nike philosophy and "just do it!"

Day Forty-Three

Read - Psalm.43 and John.14:15-31

Take Note – Psalm.43 is a classic portrayal of David wrestling with his melancholic nature and how he doesn't deny his struggles but brings them to God. Verse 5 is David speaking truth to his soul. What truth are you speaking to your soul?

Apply –

- In John.14:15-31 underline each time where Jesus speaks about the Holy Spirit and where Jesus speaks about The Father.
- What is your understanding of the trinity?
- Why do you feel understanding the trinity is important for us as followers of Christ?
- Write out a list of what The Holy Spirit does according to this passage, and then ask the Holy Spirit to do these things in your life today

Day Forty-Four

Read - Psalm.44 and John.16:1-15

Watch – “What Is The Gospel? | Jesus is the Good News | What's in the Bible” (this is a great one to watch with your kids. Don't be afraid to ask them what they understood by it once it is done)

Apply –

- In this passage in John we find Jesus continuing his teaching on the Holy Spirit
- Take note that Jesus calls the Holy Spirit, “The Spirit of Truth”
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said that the Holy Spirit will tell us about the future?
- If the Holy Spirit is “the Spirit of Truth” and knows the future, how can you trust Him even more as you go through your day today?

Day Forty-Five

Read - Psalm.45 and Philippians.3:1-21

Take Note – All the Psalms in this week’s Fast-Track readings (Pslam.42-49 to be exact) are written by The Sons of Korah. If you need a refresher of how the book of Psalms works, why don’t you watch, “The Bible Project – The Psalms” (you can search for this on youtube)

Apply –

- In the first part of Philippians.3 Paul is telling us why he could have confidence in himself, but then from verse 7 he tells us that compared to Christ these things are all rubbish
- In verse 13 Paul talks about “this one thing” that he does. Underline what it is in your bible.
- What is “the one thing” in your past that you wish you could go back and change? What does Paul in this passage call you to do with that?
- What is “the one thing” in your future that you think about and wish would come true? What does Paul in this passage call you to do with that?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to make you more and more into “one thing” person for Christ

Day Forty-Six

Read - Psalm.46 and Philippians.4:1-23

Take note – In Philippians.4:15-17 Paul thanks the Philippian church (based in Macedonia) for their financial generosity. Read more about their giving in 2.Corinthians.8:1-5 and 2.Corinthians.11:9

Apply –

- In Philippians.4:8 Paul calls us to think in a certain way, or in other words, to think on certain things
 - He doesn’t tell them what not to think but he tells them what to think! This is called thinking on purpose! Thinking on purpose takes training!
 - How can you think on purpose today?
 - Why don’t you have a no-social-media day in order to get your thought life in order?
 - In fact, why don’t you go one step further and turn your phone off for a few hours today. You will find this helpful as you learn to think on purpose as it will help silence all the “noise” around you
- #ThinkOnPurpose

Day Forty-Seven

Read - Psalm.47 and Acts.1:1-11 and Acts.2:1-13

Worship –Psalm.47 is a joyful expression of praise. Why don't you take this Psalm, make up a tune and sing it out loud to God in worship?

Apply –

- The two readings in Acts speak of the receiving of the Holy Spirit
- If you haven't received the Holy Spirit yet, ask Him to fill you right now and believe that He will!
- Jesus said in Acts.1 that we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to use you in power today at your school, university, work-place, everyday life.
- Once you've asked, it's important now to step-out in faith. Encourage someone, pray for someone, tell someone about Jesus, help someone out of the ordinary.
- As you step out, watch the Holy Spirit step in with power

Day Forty-Eight

Read - Psalm 48 and Acts.2:14-47

Take Note – This man Peter preaching here with extreme boldness is a very different man that we saw at the end of the Gospels denying Jesus. What has changed? He's now filled with the Holy Spirit!

Apply –

- Jesus promises that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we will be filled with boldness.
- What task ahead of you today requires boldness? (Once you have identified one, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with boldness now and when you approach the task) (If you can't think of anything that requires boldness today, ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware of situations ahead that you can step out in boldness in).
- Acts.2:42-47 is a description of Kingdom life in community. What in those 6 verses do you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to work on?

Day Forty-Nine

Read – Psalm.49 and Galatians.5:16-26

Take Note – There are two lists in the Galatian passage above. Write out these two lists side by side and compare and contrast them against one another.

Apply –

-Once filled with the Spirit, we are led into a life of power externally (healing the sick, casting out demons, telling people about Jesus, showing hospitality, standing up for the underdog etc) and internally (Galatians.5:22-23) and both of these are done by the Holy Spirit, not by our own strength.

-We are not given lists of “to-do’s” but still are implored to bear fruit. How do we go about doing this?

Read this article on this passage by preacher/theologian RC Sproul by going to this internet address: www.monergism.com/fruit-spirit-r-c-sproul

WEEK EIGHT - THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT (NOTES TO BE USED IN THE SESSION)

Today we look at the gifts of the spirit, understanding what they are for, how to identify yours and how to put them to work.

-As the church, we are called the _____ of Christ

- _____ body made up of many _____ parts

-This means we need each part of the body doing its part so that we can all reach maturity as we follow Jesus together and show the world what He looks like

-**General call** = “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men”

-**The specific call** = Unique to each individual

-The gifts of the Spirit help us accomplish both calls!

Mission=assembling a car example

-tyres/steering wheel/ engine etc.

3 dangers to be aware of:

1. “Be _____” syndrome
2. “I want to be _____” syndrome
3. “Not _____ the gifting at all” syndrome

4 lenses to view the gifts through:

1. Your motivation= _____
-1.corinthians.13

2. The underlying tone= _____

-to build up the body/ not for you

3. How do you measure the use of your gifting= _____

-Jesus our model/ laid his life down

4. What is the goal of all use of our giftings= _____

-God given/ not earned

*Romans.12 (Personality gifts)

*Ephesians.4 (Equipping Gifts)

*1 Corinthians.12 (Gifts of the Spirit)

How do we start to discover our gifts?

SHAPE ACRONYM

1. S _____ G _____

-what has God supernaturally gifted me to do?

2. H _____

-What do I have passion for and what do I love to do?

3. A _____

-What natural talents and skills do I have?

4. P _____

-Where does my personality best suit me to serve?

5. E _____

-What spiritual experiences, painful experiences, educational experiences, and ministry experiences have I had?

How do we step into using our gifts?

1. Experiment

-It's easier to discover your _____ through _____, than to discover your ministry through your gifts

-Put your foot out!

-Experiment where there is a need

2. Read and Study

3. Take an Assessment

4. Ask others for input

We grow in our gifting's when we _____ them

You will never know you can walk on water until you _____
of the boat!

WEEK EIGHT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions and Applications

*Spend **25 minutes** allowing your group to work their way through the Spiritual Gifts assessment below. Once all have done it and added up the results, spend the remaining time discussing the results and ask these questions:

- What are the top 3 gifts highlighted by this test?
- Do you feel they are accurate to who you are (in the natural)?
- If the group know the person answering, ask the group if they feel it is accurate
- What is the next step for you in stepping out in exercising these gifts?

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Directions:

Respond to each statement on the Spiritual Gift Assessment pages which follow, according to the following scale:

3 = Consistently, definitely true

2 = Most of the time, usually true

1 = Some of the time, once in a while

0 = Not at all, never

Using the Answer key on page 7, write your response to each statement in the box that corresponds to that statement.

Important: Answer according to who you are, not who you would like to be or think you ought to be. How true are these statements for you? What has been your experience? To what degree do these statements reflect your usual tendencies?

Total each row and record that number in the Total (T) space.

Example:

1=3	20=2	39=3	58=1	77=2	96=3	115=1	T=15	A	
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When you have completed the assessment, please high-light your TOP THREE TO FIVE Spiritual Gifts. (Top 3-5 highest "T's" = corresponding letters to be transferred into profile)

Note: Healing, Interpretation, Miracles, and Tongues are not included in the Spiritual Gift Assessment because their presence in the life of a believer is generally self-evident.

SPIRITUAL GIFT ASSESSMENT

- 1) I like to organize people, tasks, and events.
- 2) I would like to start churches in places where they do not presently exist.
- 3) I enjoy working creatively with wood, cloth, paints, metal, glass, or other materials.
- 4) I enjoy challenging people's perspective of God by using various forms of art.
- 5) I can readily distinguish between spiritual truth and error, good and evil.
- 6) I tend to see the potential in people.
- 7) I communicate the gospel to others with clarity and effectiveness.

- 8) I find it natural and easy to trust God to answer my prayers.
- 9) I give liberally and joyfully to people in financial need or to projects requiring support.
- 10) I enjoy working behind the scenes to support the work of others.
- 11) I view my home as a place to minister to people in need.
- 12) I take prayer requests from others and consistently pray for them.
- 13) I am approached by people who want to know my perspective on a particular passage or biblical truth.
- 14) I am able to motivate others to accomplish a goal.
- 15) I empathize with hurting people and desire to help in their healing process.
- 16) I can speak in a way that results in conviction and change in the lives of others.
- 17) I enjoy spending time nurturing and caring for others.
- 18) I am able to communicate God's work effectively.
- 19) I am often sought out by others for advice about spiritual or personal matters.
- 20) I am careful, thorough, and skilled at managing details.
- 21) I am attracted to the idea of serving in another country or ethnic community.
- 22) I am skilled in working with different kinds of tools.
- 23) I enjoy developing and using my artistic skills (art, drama, music, photography, etc...).
- 24) I frequently am able to judge a person's character based upon first impressions.
- 25) I enjoy reassuring and strengthening those who are discouraged.
- 26) I consistently look for opportunities to build relationships with non-Christians.
- 27) I have confidence in God's continuing provision and help, even in difficult times.
- 28) I give more than a tithe so that kingdom work can be accomplished.
- 29) I enjoy doing routine tasks that support the ministry.
- 30) I enjoy meeting new people and helping them to feel welcomed.
- 31) I enjoy praying for long periods of time and receive leadings as to what God wants me to pray for.
- 32) I receive information from the Spirit that I did not acquire through natural means.
- 33) I am able to influence others to achieve a vision.

- 34) I can patiently support those going through painful experiences as they try to stabilize their lives.
- 35) I feel responsible to confront others with the truth.
- 36) I have compassion for wandering believers and want to protect them.
- 37) I can spend time in study knowing that presenting truth will make a difference in the lives of people.
- 38) I can often find simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict or confusion.
- 39) I can clarify goals and develop strategies or plans to accomplish them.
- 40) I am willing to take an active part in starting a new church.
- 41) I enjoy making things for use in ministry.
- 42) I help people understand themselves, their relationships and God better through artistic expression.
- 43) I can see through phoniness or deceit before it is evident to others.
- 44) I give hope to others by directing them to the promises of God.
- 45) I am effective at adapting the gospel message so that it connects with an individual's felt needs.
- 46) I believe that God will help me to accomplish great things.
- 47) I manage my money well in order to free more of it for giving.
- 48) I willingly take on a variety of odd jobs around the church to meet the needs of others.
- 49) I genuinely believe the Lord directs strangers to me who need to get connected to others.
- 50) I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray.
- 51) I am committed, and schedule blocks of time for reading and studying Scripture, to understand Biblical truth fully and accurately.
- 52) I can adjust my leadership style to bring out the best in others.
- 53) I enjoy helping people sometimes regarded as undeserving or beyond help.
- 54) I boldly expose cultural trends, teachings, or events, which contradict Biblical principles.
- 55) I like to provide guidance for the whole person – relationally, emotionally, spiritually, etc...

- 56) I can devote considerable time to learning new Biblical truths in order to communicate them to others.
- 57) I can easily select the most effective course of action from among several alternatives.
- 58) I can identify and effectively use the resources needed to accomplish tasks.
- 59) I can adapt well to different cultures and surroundings.
- 60) I can visualize how something should be constructed before I build it.
- 61) I like finding new and fresh ways of communicating God's truth.
- 62) I tend to see rightness or wrongness in situations.
- 63) I reassure those who need to take courageous action in their faith, family, or life.
- 64) I invite unbelievers to accept Christ as their Savior.
- 65) I trust God in circumstances where success cannot be guaranteed by human effort alone.
- 66) I am challenged to limit my lifestyle in order to give away higher percentages of my income.
- 67) I see spiritual significance in doing practical tasks.
- 68) I like to create a place where people do not feel that they are alone.
- 69) I pray with confidence because I know that God works in response to prayer.
- 70) I have insight or just know something to be true.
- 71) I set goals and manage people and resources effectively to accomplish them.
- 72) I have great compassion for hurting people.
- 73) I see most actions as right or wrong, and feel the need to correct the wrong.
- 74) I can faithfully provide long-term support and concern for others.
- 75) I like to take a systematic approach to my study of the Bible.
- 76) I can anticipate the likely consequences of an individual's or a group's action.
- 77) I like to help organizations or groups become more efficient.
- 78) I can relate to others in culturally sensitive ways.
- 79) I honor God with my handcrafted gifts.
- 80) I apply various artistic expressions to communicate God's truth.
- 81) I receive affirmation from others concerning the reliability of my insights or perceptions.

- 82) I strengthen those who are wavering in their faith.
- 83) I openly tell people that I am a Christian and want them to ask me about my faith.
- 84) I am convinced of God's daily Presence and action in my life.
- 85) I like knowing that my financial support makes a real difference in the lives and ministries of God's people.
- 86) I like to find small things that need to be done and often do them without being asked.
- 87) I enjoy entertaining people and opening my home to others.
- 88) When I hear about needy situations, I feel burdened to pray.
- 89) I have suddenly known some things about others, but did not know how I knew them.
- 90) I influence others to perform to the best of their capability.
- 91) I can look beyond a person's handicaps or problems to see a life that matters to God.
- 92) I like people who are honest and will speak the truth.
- 93) I enjoy giving guidance and practical support to a small group of people.
- 94) I can communicate Scripture in ways that motivate others to study and want to learn more.
- 95) I give practical advice to help others through complicated situations.
- 96) I enjoy learning about how organizations function.
- 97) I enjoy pioneering new undertakings.
- 98) I am good at and enjoy working with my hands.
- 99) I am creative and imaginative.
- 100) I can identify preaching, teaching, or communication which is not true to the Bible.
- 101) I like motivating others to take steps for spiritual growth.
- 102) I openly and confidently tell others what Christ has done for me.
- 103) I am regularly challenging others to trust God.
- 104) I give generously due to my commitment to stewardship.
- 105) I feel comfortable being a helper, assisting others to do their job more effectively.
- 106) I do whatever I can to make people feel that they belong.
- 107) I am honored when someone asks me to pray for them.

- 108) I discover important Biblical truths when reading or studying Scripture which benefit others in the Body of Christ.
- 109) I am able to cast a vision that others want to be a part of.
- 110) I enjoy bringing hope and joy to people living in difficult circumstances.
- 111) I will speak God's truth, even in places where it is unpopular or difficult for others to accept.
- 112) I can gently restore wandering believers to faith and fellowship.
- 113) I can present information and skills to others at a level that makes it easy for them to grasp and apply to their lives.
- 114) I can apply Scriptural truth that others regard as practical and helpful.
- 115) I can visualize a coming event, anticipate potential problems, and develop backup plans.
- 116) I am able to orchestrate or oversee several church ministries.
- 117) I am able to design and construct things that help the church.
- 118) I regularly need to get alone to reflect and develop my imagination.
- 119) I can sense when demonic forces are at work in a person or situation.
- 120) I am able to challenge or rebuke others in order to foster spiritual growth.
- 121) I seek opportunities to talk about spiritual matters with unbelievers.
- 122) I can move forward in spite of position or lack of support when I sense God's blessing on an undertaking.
- 123) I believe I have been given an abundance of resources so that I may give more to the Lord's work.
- 124) I readily and happily use my natural or learned skills to help wherever needed.
- 125) I can make people feel at ease even in unfamiliar surroundings.
- 126) I often see specific results in direct response to my prayers.
- 127) I confidently share my knowledge and insights with others.
- 128) I figure out where we need to go and help others to get there.
- 129) I enjoy doing practical things for others who are in need.
- 130) I feel compelled to expose sin wherever I see it and to challenge people to repentance.
- 131) I enjoy patiently but firmly nurturing others in their development as believers.

132) I enjoy explaining things to people so that they can grow spiritually and personally.

133) I have insights into how to solve problems that others do not see.

Spiritual Gift Answer Key:

1=	20=	39=	58=	77=	96=	115=	T=	A
2=	21	40	59	78=	97=	116=	T=	B
3=	22=	41=	60=	79=	98=	117=	T=	C
4=	23=	42=	61=	80=	99=	118=	T=	D
5=	24=	43=	62=	81=	100=	119=	T=	E
6=	25=	44=	63=	82=	101=	120=	T=	F
7=	26=	45=	64=	83=	102=	121=	T=	G
8=	27=	46=	65=	84=	103=	122=	T=	H
9=	28=	47=	66=	85=	104=	123=	T=	I
10=	29=	48=	67=	86=	105=	124=	T=	J
11=	30=	49=	68=	87=	106=	125=	T=	K
12=	31=	50=	69=	88=	107=	126=	T=	L
13=	32=	51=	70=	89=	108=	127=	T=	M
14=	33=	52=	71=	90=	109=	128=	T=	N
15=	34=	53=	72=	91=	110=	129=	T=	O
16=	35=	54=	73=	92=	111=	130=	T=	P
17=	36=	55=	74=	93=	112=	131=	T=	Q
18=	37=	56=	75=	94=	113=	132=	T=	R
19=	38=	57=	76=	95=	114=	133=	T=	S

Spiritual Gift Assessment Key:

A = Administration	K = Hospitality
B = Apostleship	L = Intercession
C = Craftsmanship	M = Knowledge
D = Creative Communication	N = Leadership
E = Discernment	O = Mercy
F = Encouragement	P = Prophecy
G = Evangelism	Q = Shepherding
H = Faith	R = Teaching
I = Giving	S = Wisdom
J = Helps	

Application Questions (to be answered before you finish)

What one thing will I do this week in attempting to studying more about my spiritual gifts?

How will I this week start using my gifts for the glory of God?

WEEK EIGHT - TAKE HOME APPLICATION POINTS

GOAL= Get to deeply know the Holy Spirit (#GhostStories)

The Father, Son and who? The Holy Spirit has sometimes been referred to as the forgotten God because of Christianity's uncertain way of approaching him. We are convinced by Jesus' words as well as others experience in scripture and church history that it is impossible to fully out-walk "come follow me" without the Holy Spirit's empowering. Over the next two weeks of Fast-Track we are praying that we would develop a deep love and close walk with the Holy Spirit and in a sense begin to demystify the Holy Ghost.

Day Fifty

Read- Psalm.50 and 1.Corinthians.12:1-31

Assess—Check out the full SHAPE assessment at this website here: www.wherenewlifebegins.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/SHAPE-Assessment.pdf

Apply –

- Out of the 3 dangers spoken about in Session 8 (Be like me syndrome/ I want to be like him syndrome/ Not using the gifting at all syndrome), which one would you most likely lean towards in terms of the spiritual gifts?
- How can you use your gift (gifts) today within the context of your family?
- How can you use your gift (gifts) today within the context of your vocation (school, job, position etc)?
- How can you use your gift (gifts) today in order to bring much glory to God?

Day Fifty-One

Read - Psalm.51 and Romans.12:1-21

Take Note –Underline the gifts that are mentioned in this Romans.12 passage and compare and contrast them to the list in 1.Corinthians.12

Apply –

- Psalm.51 is a famous prayer of David's.
- Read the background of why this Psalm was written in 2.Samuel.11 and 12
- Who is your "Nathan" (2.Samuel.12) in your life who has the guts to speak truth into your life no matter what?
- Who can you empower in your life today in order for them to play a "Nathan" role to hold you accountable to the call of God?
- Make a phone call today to ask a fellow Christ-follower you know and trust and ask them to speak into your life, and especially into your "blind-spots" (the areas that only an outsider can see).
- It takes courage to allow someone to speak truth to us, but it always leads to greater freedom and effectiveness in our pursuit of Christ

Day Fifty-Two

Read – Psalm.52 and Mark.9:1-29

Take Note – In the Mark passage about the transfiguration, take note of Jesus' divinity (God-likeness) and the disciples humanity (e.g. not knowing what to say, being interrupted by the Father, having questions etc.)

Apply –

- Of the two stories in the Mark passage today, which one caught your attention more? Why do you think that was?
- Sometimes when we read the bible we will have more questions than answers and this is totally ok!
- What questions jump to your mind as you have read these two stories today?
- Write them down and before asking someone, or searching for an answer, turn your questions to prayer and ask the Holy Spirit (The Spirit of Truth) to help open your eyes to these questions

Day Fifty-Three

Read - Psalm.53 and Mark.9:30-50

Take Note – In Mark.9:30-32 Jesus again brings up his looming death and resurrection. The book of Mark is now making a beeline for the cross!

Apply –

- In this same passage Jesus speaks about the secret to greatness. What is that secret?
- In light of your spiritual gifts, how can you use them today to serve the body of Christ (the church)?
- How can you “take the last place” today in your natural and spiritual family?

Day Fifty-Four

Read - Psalm.54 and Mark.10:1-31

Compare – Jesus was always having conversations with people. Compare and contrast his discourse (conversation) Jesus had with The Rich Man (Mark.10:17-31) to the one Jesus had with the Samitan Woman (John.4)

Apply –

- Jesus says in Mark.10:15 “anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it”. What do you think He was trying to say here?
- In following Christ, maturity looks like people become more and more dependent on Christ.
- Write a list of characteristics of being a child in relation to a parent.
- How can you grow in your “child-likeness” towards Christ today?

Day Fifty-Five

Read - Psalm.55 and Mark.10:32-52

Take Note – In Psalm.55 you can note a tone of fear in David’s writing. But then he gets to verse 16-19 and he gives us an answer to fear. Then take note of the word “Selah” that ends that brief 4 verse moment. “Selah” means to pause, to take in, to be caught up with. Will you be caught up with fear or who God is?

Apply –

-In these passages in Mark today we find Jesus once again landing a big theological teaching with an imploring for his disciples to take on the nature of servants.

-Why is serving so anti our modern day culture?

-What can you do today “to be different” and to take the last “seat” instead of the “first”?

-How will this scripture affect the way you treat your kids, spouse, neighbour, boss, colleague, stranger today?

Day Fifty-Six

Read - Psalm.56 and Ephesians.4:1-16

Worship – Spend 10 minutes in quiet contemplation and as you do this, worship each member of the Trinity (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit). Thank them for their unique involvement in your life.

Apply –

-This Ephesians passage ends by talking about the building up and maturing of the body of Christ.

-Pray for your church this morning by asking God to:

-give her a greater sense of unity (verse.3-6)

-strengthen her leaders with wisdom, humility, gentleness and patience (verse.2)

-give her a growing maturity (verse.13-14)

-cause a greater exercising of people’s gifts in order to build up the body (verse.15-16)