



Post-Pandemic Church Engagement

Spiritual Gifts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Us and For Us

DAY & TIME Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM	LENGTH & FORMAT 12 weeks · Zoom (on camera during class)
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PRIMARY TEXTBOOK Lester Sumrall, <i>The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit</i>	

COURSE THEME "THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN US AND FOR US" GUIDING SCRIPTURE <i>"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all." — 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)</i>	IN US Produces Character	FOR US Produces Ministry
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically altered the landscape of ministry, discipleship, worship, and church participation. While many churches learned new methods of gathering, the greatest need remains spiritual, not technological. The post-pandemic Church must rediscover the power, gifts, fruit, and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

This course examines the biblical doctrine of the Holy Spirit with emphasis on spiritual gifts, Christian character, servant leadership, ministry engagement, and the restoration of active believers within the local church. Students will learn that the Holy Spirit works both **in us** (producing Christlike character) and **for us** (empowering effective ministry).

MISSION STATEMENT

To equip believers for post-pandemic ministry by cultivating Spirit-filled disciples who demonstrate both the Fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit for the edification of the Body of Christ and the advancement of God's Kingdom.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the Person and ministry of the Holy Spirit.
2. Identify and define the gifts of the Spirit.
3. Distinguish between spiritual gifts, natural talents, and ministry offices.
4. Demonstrate biblical understanding of the Fruit of the Spirit.
5. Discover their personal spiritual gifts.
6. Apply spiritual gifts in healthy church ministry.
7. Recognize abuses and misconceptions concerning spiritual gifts.
8. Develop Christlike character while exercising spiritual power.
9. Build confidence in serving the local church after the pandemic.
10. Create a personal ministry engagement plan.

REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

Course Requirements

- KJV Bible
- Course textbook
- Zoom — on camera during class
- Weekly reading
- Weekly Reflection Journal
- Homework assignments
- Class discussion participation
- Memory Scriptures
- Final Ministry Project
- Attendance

Course Grading

Attendance & Participation	20%
Homework Assignments	20%
Weekly Reflection Journal	15%
Scripture Memory	10%
Final Ministry Project	35%
Total	100%

Primary Biblical Texts

- 1 Corinthians 12–14
- Romans 12:3–8
- Ephesians 4:1–16
- Galatians 5:16–26
- Acts 1–2
- Acts 8
- Acts 10
- Acts 19

Memory Scriptures

- Acts 1:8
- 1 Corinthians 12:7
- 1 Corinthians 13:13
- Galatians 5:22–23
- Romans 12:6–8
- Ephesians 4:11–13

12-WEEK COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

The Post-Pandemic Church: Why We Need the Holy Spirit

- READING** Sumrall, Introduction and Chapter 1
- SCRIPTURE** Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2:1–4; John 14:16–18
- DISCUSSION**
- How has church engagement changed since COVID?
 - What challenges has the Church faced?
 - Why must the Holy Spirit remain central?
- APPLICATION** Write your personal testimony describing how your relationship with the Holy Spirit has changed over the last five years.
- HOMEWORK** Read Chapters 1–2. Journal: “What do I desire the Holy Spirit to do in my life?”

WEEK 2

The Person of the Holy Spirit

- READING** Chapters 2–3
- SCRIPTURE** John 14; John 16; Romans 8
- DISCUSSION** The Holy Spirit as Teacher, Comforter, Guide, and Empowerer
- APPLICATION** Spend fifteen minutes daily praying and listening before reading Scripture.
- HOMEWORK** Create a chart describing five ministries of the Holy Spirit.

WEEK 3**The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- READING** Chapters 4–5
- SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 12
- DISCUSSION**
- Why are spiritual gifts given?
 - Who receives them?
 - Can gifts be developed?
- APPLICATION** Complete a Spiritual Gifts Assessment.
- HOMEWORK** Identify three gifts you believe God has placed within you, and explain why.

WEEK 4**Revelation Gifts**

Word of Wisdom · Word of Knowledge · Discerning of Spirits

- READING** Corresponding textbook chapters
- SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 12; Daniel; Acts
- DISCUSSION** The difference between discernment and suspicion
- APPLICATION** Study biblical examples where these gifts protected God's people.
- HOMEWORK** Write one page explaining how discernment strengthens church leadership.

WEEK 5**Power Gifts**

Faith · Gifts of Healing · Working of Miracles

- SCRIPTURE** Acts 3; Acts 5; Mark 16
- DISCUSSION**
- Miracles after the pandemic
 - Faith versus presumption
- APPLICATION** Pray for someone throughout the week.
- HOMEWORK** Interview a believer regarding a miracle they have experienced.

WEEK 6**Vocal Gifts**

Prophecy · Tongues · Interpretation

- SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 14
- DISCUSSION**
- Order in worship
 - Purpose of prophecy
 - Edification versus confusion
- APPLICATION** Evaluate how spiritual gifts should function biblically during worship.
- HOMEWORK** Write a two-page reflection on 1 Corinthians 14.

WEEK 7**The Fruit of the Spirit**

- SCRIPTURE** Galatians 5:22–23; John 15
- DISCUSSION**
- Character before charisma
 - Why fruit sustains gifts
- APPLICATION** Personal Fruit Assessment
- HOMEWORK** Choose one fruit needing growth and develop a seven-day action plan.

WEEK 8**Gifts and Fruit Together**

- SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 13; Galatians 5
- DISCUSSION**
- Power without love
 - Love as the greatest gift
- APPLICATION** Evaluate personal ministry through the lens of love.
- HOMEWORK** Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4–8.
Journal: "How does love govern every spiritual gift?"

WEEK 9**Ministry Gifts**

- SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 4; Romans 12
- DISCUSSION**
- The Five-Fold Ministry
 - Serving the Body
 - Equipping believers
- APPLICATION** Interview a ministry leader concerning spiritual leadership.
- HOMEWORK** Prepare a short presentation.

WEEK 10**Restoring Church Engagement**

- SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 10:24–25; Acts 2:42–47
- DISCUSSION**
- Hybrid church
 - Volunteerism
 - Discipleship
 - Building community
- APPLICATION** Develop strategies for reconnecting inactive members.
- HOMEWORK** Design a ministry engagement initiative for your church.

WEEK 11**Discovering Your Assignment**

- SCRIPTURE** Jeremiah 1; Ephesians 2:10
- DISCUSSION**
- Calling
 - Purpose
 - Assignment
- APPLICATION** Develop your Personal Ministry Profile.
- HOMEWORK** Prepare the Final Ministry Project.

WEEK 12**The Holy Spirit at Work in Us and For Us**

- IN CLASS**
- Student and Spiritual Gift Presentations
 - Prayer Commissioning
 - Prophetic Blessing
 - Course Reflection
- DUE** Final Ministry Project

FINAL MINISTRY PROJECT (35%)

Students will prepare an **8–10-page paper or ministry portfolio** entitled **“The Holy Spirit at Work in Us and For Us”** and present it in Week 12 as a practical ministry plan.

THE PROJECT SHOULD INCLUDE

- Personal testimony
- Spiritual Gifts Assessment
- Fruit of the Spirit self-evaluation
- Biblical philosophy of ministry
- Post-pandemic engagement strategy
- Personal ministry action plan

THE PRESENTATION SHOULD ANSWER

- What gift has God entrusted to me?
- How will I serve my church?
- How will I engage people after the pandemic?
- What fruit must continually grow within me?

COURSE BENEDICTION

*“The Church does not merely need gifted people; it needs Spirit-filled people. Gifts reveal God’s power, but fruit reveals God’s presence. The Holy Spirit works **in us** to make us like Christ and works **through us** to make Christ known to the world. As we embrace both His fruit and His gifts, we become a Church that is healthy, holy, and engaged for such a time as this.”*