Making Disciples

Notes for Group Session Eight

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Session Goals

1. The disciple will experience both receiving and giving a prophetic word.
2. The disciple will be able to identify how prophetic words build up His church and individuals.
3. The disciple will experience being used in another spiritual gift to bless someone else.

Sharing Testimonies

Review Action Steps and results from previous week, focus on what the Holy Spirit did in the previous week. Also talk about any experiences the group members have of receiving prophetic words and in supernatural healing.

Nine Charismatic Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 “Now to each one. The manifestation of the spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit ***a message of wisdom***, to another, ***a message of knowledge*** by means of the same Spirit to another, to another ***faith*** by the same Spirit, to another ***gifts of healing*** by the one Spirit, to another ***miraculous powers*** to another, ***prophecy*** to another, ***distinguishing between spirits*** to another in ***speaking in different kinds of tongues***. And to still another **the interpretation of tongues.** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one just as he determines.” NIV

A message(word) of wisdom - A directive word from God that gives the solution to a problem or divine direction that will provide breakthroughs for you or somebody else.

Judges 7:4-7 “But the Lord said to Gideon, ‘The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there and then it will be that of whom I say to you, this one shall go with you, the same shall go with you and of whomever I

say to you, this one shall not go with you, the same shall not go.' So, he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, 'Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue as a dog laps you shall set apart by himself. Likewise, everyone who gets down on his knees to drink', and a number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth was 300 men. But all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. And then the Lord said to Gideon, 'By the 300 men that lapped I will save you and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place.'" NKJV

Acts 11:27-30 "And in those days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch, and then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul." NKJV

Acts 27:24 "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar, and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." NIV

1 Kings 3:27-28 "Then the king gave his ruling. Give the living baby to the first woman. 'Do not kill him. She is his mother.' When all Israel heard the verdict, the king had given, they held the king in awe because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.'" NIV

A message(word) of knowledge - You are given knowledge about something or someone that you did not have before or could not have from your own thoughts. It might be something to pray about, or that needs to be healed or something a person has done.

John 4:17-18 "I have no husband, she replied, and Jesus said to her, you are right when you say that you have no husband. The fact is you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is quite true."

Acts 9:10 "Now there was a certain disciple in Damascus called Ananias, and to him the Lord said in a vision Ananias, and he said, "Here I am Lord." So, the Lord said to him, "Arise, and go to the street called straight, and inquire at the house of Judas, for one called Saul of Tarsus. For behold, he is praying and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming and put his hand on him so that he might receive his sight."

Acts 5:1-5 "Now a man named Ananias together with his wife Sapphira also sold a piece of property with his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself and brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said "Ananias. How is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to human beings, but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died, and great fear seized all who heard what had happened." NIV

1 Samuel 15:17-19 "Samuel said, 'Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel, and he sent you on a mission saying go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites, wage war against them. Until you have wiped them out. Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the ponder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?'"

1 Samuel 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."

A gift of faith - You are filled with confidence that something God promised is true, leading to bold prayer or action.

Luke 8:45-48 "And Jesus said, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it Peter and those with him said, 'Master the multitudes throng and press you and you say, who touched me? But Jesus said, 'Somebody touched me, for I perceived power going out from me now." When the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling and falling down before him. She declared to him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched him and how she was healed immediately, and he said to her, Daughter, be of good cheer. Your faith has made you well. Go in peace.'"

Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah being warned by God about things not yet seen in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."

Acts 14:8-10 "And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking, Paul observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, 'Stand up straight on your feet!' And he leaped and walked.'" NKJV

Matthew 8:10 "When Jesus heard this, he was truly amazed and said to those following him, 'Truly I tell you, I have not found any one in Israel with such great faith.'" NIV

A gift of healing - You are fully aware either by sensation or a word of knowledge that God wants to heal someone, and you pray for them, and they're healed. At times the healing is a progression of improvements at times it is complete immediately.

Luke 10:9 "And heal the sick there and say to them the Kingdom of God has come near to you."

Acts 28:8-9 "And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went into him and prayed, laid his hands on him and healed him. After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured."

Luke 17:14 "When he saw them, He said. 'Go show yourselves to the priest.' And as they went, they were cleansed." NIV

Acts 3:1-8 "One day, Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer-at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. And Peter looked straight at him, and as did John, and then Peter said, 'Look at us.' So, the man gave them his intention, expecting to get something from them. And then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth walk.' Taking him by the right hand he helped him up and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk, and then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping and praising God." NIV

Miraculous powers - God does unique supernatural signs to confirm. Your words when you share the gospel.

Acts 2:43 "Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."

Acts 16:26-27 "Suddenly there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open."

John 6:19 "When they had rode about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water and they were frightened." NIV

John 2:9 "And the master of the banquet tasted the water that had turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. And then he called the bridegroom aside."

Prophecy - You hear God speak clearly through dreams, visions, or other spiritual experiences and as you communicate with others it builds them up.

1 Corinthians 13:2 "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not **love***, I am nothing." NKJV*

1 Corinthians 14:31 "For you can all prophesy and turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged." NIV

1 Corinthians 13:8-9 "Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies they will fail. Whether there are tongues they will cease. Whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away."

1 Corinthians 14:1-4 "Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God. For no one understands him. However, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. But he who prophesies speaks ***edification*** *and* ***exhortation*** *and* ***comfort*** *to men. He speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church." NKJV*

1 Corinthians 14:3 "But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their ***strengthening, encouraging and comfort.****" NIV*

Discuss the meaning of 1 Corinthians 14:3 and encourage disciples to use that criteria when they believe they have a prophetic word.

1 Corinthians 14:29 "Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said."

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things hold fast what is good." NKJV

Gift of distinguishing between spirits (discernment) You are given awareness of what people are dealing with in a building or a geographic area or in their lives. The gift is the ability to recognize what spirit, divine, evil, or human, is causing a certain manifestation or activity.

Acts 8:18-22 "And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money saying, 'Give me the power also, that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.' But Peter said to him, 'Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money. You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent of this wickedness and pray God, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

Acts 16:16-18 "Once, when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us shouting. 'These men are servants of the most high God who are telling you the way to be saved.' She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit 'In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out of her.' At that moment the spirit left her." NIV

Matthew 16:23 "Jesus turned and said to Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan. You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'" NIV

Matthew 9:4 "Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, 'Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?'"

Gift of tongues - You are given a language not taught that might be a tongue of angels or of people. This is for prayer in private and should be interpreted if given in public.

1 Corinthians 14:5-15 "I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets that the church may receive edification. But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching.

Even things without life, whether flute, or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if a trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? So likewise, you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance. Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me. Even so, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. Therefore, let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with understanding."

Mark 16:17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name. they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues."

Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. And began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance."

1 Corinthians 14:18 "I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all."

Interpretation of tongues - When somebody speaks in tongues, you understand the heart of the message and you clarify it in English or whatever language the people around you speak.

1 Corinthians 14:22 "Tongues, then, are a sign not for believers, but for unbelievers. prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers, but for believers."

1 Corinthians 14:5 "I want every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets so that the church may be edified."

1 Corinthians 14:13 "For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says."

1 Corinthians 14:27-28 "If anyone speaks in a tongue, two or at the most three should speak one at a time, and someone must interpret. If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God."

Activations

1. Wait on God for a few minutes and ask Him for a word to encourage another member of the group or the whole group using any one of the spiritual gifts.
2. Ask God to give you a prophetic word for a specific member of the group.
3. Ask God to speak to you pertaining to something or someone you are concerned about. Pray into what He has shown you.

Action Steps

- Ask God to give you encouragement this week for other people in your life, either visions or prophetic words, record the words and the responses to discuss next week. Do this as often as you can.

- Think about how God's love for others is demonstrated as you give them encouragement. Write down your thoughts. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to those He wants to minister to.

- Remember that these gifts are used by us under the direction of the Holy Spirit. We read in John 5:19 "Jesus gave them this answer. 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his father doing, because whatever the Father does, the Son also does." So, Jesus was guided daily by what He saw His father do and we need to be led by the Holy Spirit as we exercise His gifts.