

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

What is the most fulfilling job you have ever had, and what about it fulfilled you? How did growing in the fruit of the Spirit you identified in last week's group go?

LEARN & APPLY

(This is week four of four on the Holy Spirit, within the larger According to Luke series.) **Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3.** Paul was teaching new Christians in Corinth how to follow the Spirit.

- This teaching assumes that the Spirit still speaks to us. How does that make you feel? Hopeful? Confused? Nervous? Excited? Why?
- Verse 3 offers guidance on hearing and discerning the Spirit well. How would you apply this guidance now?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-26. The passage addresses unity in diversity. It explains that the same Spirit inspires different individuals differently.

- Are you tempted to look down on others in whom the Spirit works differently from you? Or, is it your temptation to look up to them too much, and neglect the Spirit's own work in you?
- How do you see the Spirit working in the members of your group? What kind of contribution does each person make?

Most of 1 Corinthians 13-14 explains that we should use spiritual gifts in love or to "build up the church." It's not about us. It's for others. **Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33** for the very practical way Paul suggested they do this in the house church in Corinth.

- This is a good starting place for growth groups. Is there anything on your heart that you would like to share with your group? Perhaps an encouragement or challenge or something else?

PRAY

Pray for the guidance and empowering of the Spirit. You might say something like, "Holy Spirit, teach us about Jesus and make us like him. Please speak to our hearts, in our group, our church, and our communities and give us your empowering presence to follow you."