

INSPIRED WORD
July 25, 2018

EXHORTATION

I never want us to forget that the main reason that we come to this place and gather, the very main reason is to praise and worship God who is worthy of all of our praise and worship. And isn't it wonderful that we can come here on a Wednesday night and just spend time praising and worshiping Him? As you all know, we are doing a series right now about living in the power of Pentecost so we're going to be continuing with that tonight. Now, why are we continuing to teach these gifts? The main reason – I heard this a really long time ago and it just really stuck with me as to why we do this, and first of all because God gives us the Holy Spirit who comes to us with all of these gifts. But here on Wednesdays I heard somebody say, "The meeting place is the learning place for the market place." So, in other words, we come here to learn so that we can go out there and use those gifts that God gives us. And why? Because every day, hopefully, we say, "Send me where You want me to go and equip me to do that."

Teaching – The Power of Pentecost

Reflection Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of life and the gift of your Holy Spirit who moves through me in so many powerful ways and especially through charismatic gifts. I ask you that as I surrender myself to you, the Holy Spirit gives Himself to me. Today I particularly pray for the release of the gift of the Word of Knowledge within me. Jesus, I yield myself to you and I pray for an outpouring and anointing of your Spirit upon me. Lord Jesus, I pray that as you lead me to pray with others, the causes of that person's illness, sickness, bondage may be revealed. Set me free, Lord Jesus, that I may also be open to know the healings that are taking place in the community and through them bring praise and glory to you. I ask for the wisdom and grace to know when and how I am to share this knowledge for the greater good of all. Teach me, Lord, that in everyday experiences of our lives, I may be open to your guidance through the Word of Knowledge. Lead me in your ways, Lord. Thank you, Jesus, for the many ways beyond my understanding which this gift will be manifested through me. Thank you for reminding me that as we ask, we receive, and we are able to move in and with the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Exercise: Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER

Lord, break our chains. Set us free.

SHARING

It's all about God. The bottom line of the song is that it's Him, not us. We live our lives open to the Holy Spirit - and God acts.

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

So, Lord, in the midst of Your love, that anointing that you pour forth upon us, we give You praise tonight and we ask You to allow us – no, command us, to take Your love out of this place. Let us be channels of the Lord, of that love, through yielding to Your charisms of the Holy Spirit. We give You praise and thanks. Let us go forward and announce the gospel.