



# GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

## BREAKING THE ICE

What is the best gift you have ever received?

What is the worst gift you have ever received?

## MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin ended our series Better This Way talking about the Holy Spirit and the gifts that come from the Spirit.

At the beginning of the message, Pastor Kevin told a story about the difference between cows and buffalos. Cows run from storms, but buffalos run through them.

1. When you are faced with a problem or “storm” in your life, do you tend to run from it (cow) or charge through it (buffalo)?

### Read John 16:33

The Holy Spirit is a free gift from God to help us with the problems we can come up against in our lives. When we engage with the Holy Spirit within us, we have the power of Jesus working through us to face the problems that may arise.

When we believe in the Spirit, he changes our lives for eternity. He is a gift to us to help guide us through storms with peace and strength. He allows us to run through the storms instead of running away from them.

2. Have you opened the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life? Why or why not?

When we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, it brings God’s love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. These are God’s gift to you for you to live a life like Christ.





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3. Which of these do you need the most in your life and why? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness or self-control?

4. Have you ever prayed and asked God to help you with one of these? If so, what happened?

When we pray for these gifts of the Holy Spirit, God uses them not only to help us but also to help benefit others.

Everyone who has chosen to follow Jesus receives a spiritual gift when they become a follower of Him. We have the opportunity to use those gifts to help others. Pastor Kevin describes these gifts as “God-given abilities that he entrusts to every Christ-follower for the common good of the body of Christ”.

5. What do you know about spiritual gifts? Have they been something you have thought about in your past, or did the idea of spiritual gifts never really come to your mind?

## **Read 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**

Spiritual gifts don't have to be scary. They are a gift from God for the benefit of others. It's possible you have never engaged with your spiritual gifts and never used them for the common good. But, your gift could be the answer for that people are praying for.

In order to use your gifts, you have to know what your gifts are.

6. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are?

7. If you don't know what your spiritual gifts are what keeps you from finding out?

The Bible mentions gifts like administration, faith, evangelism, giving, serving, healing, shepherding, miracles, hospitality, intercession, leadership, teaching and miracles. When you use your gifts for others, God activates those gifts within you.

8. How have you used your spiritual gifts for others?





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Our passions can oftentimes lead us to our gifts. When we combine our passion to what God has called us to, it ignites the gifts God has given us to glorify Him while serving people around us.

“The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”  
Frederick Buechner

9. What emotions does the Frederick Buechner quote stir up in you? Do you feel like your passions and spiritual gifts line up with each other?

## Read Romans 12:3-8

When we all use our gifts together, it allows us to make an impact on the world for Jesus.

In the month of November, we have the opportunity to use our gifts to serve those around us. Go to [www.crosspoint.tv/local](http://www.crosspoint.tv/local) to find an opportunity to serve using your gifts.

## CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit in our lives. Help us engage the gift of the Holy Spirit in us and engage the gifts He has given us. Show us where our passions and our gifts line up to serve You for Your glory. In Jesus’ name, amen.

## ACTION STEP

If you don’t know what your spiritual gifts are, go to <http://giftstest.com> and find out. The next time you meet with your group, let them know what spiritual gifts God has given you. Take turns discussing your gifts and where you could use them to serve others around you.

Over the next few weeks, we will be serving others in our communities. Take time as a group to find a project where you can serve the one person who may need it. Go to [www.crosspoint.tv/local](http://www.crosspoint.tv/local) and sign up to serve.

