



Gifted.

Title: A new normal
Date: Sunday 9th June 2019
Reading: Philippians 2:12-18

Pentecost

The day of Pentecost (Acts 2) marked a 'new normal' for God's people, the Church. No longer was the Holy Spirit for just some people – now the Holy Spirit is for every believer of Jesus; the young, old, women, men, rich poor (Acts 2:17-18). How is this new 'normal' significant for us today? (See John 15:16-17, 16:5-8)

Remember 'who' and 'why'

The Holy Spirit deliberately gives every Jesus follower spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:7). How do we discover, develop and use these gifts? What is the impact of not doing this?

Ensure 'love leads the way'

The three main New Testament references that address spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12-14, Rom 12:3-9 and 1 Peter 4:8-11) all emphasise the importance of love when it comes to spiritual gifts. Why is 'love' so important? What happens when love gets missed? What happens when love leads the way?

Keep open and expectant

When you gather with other Christians - large gatherings or small - do you expect to encounter/hear from God? When you meet together, would you say that you are open and expectant that God will speak through/use you (your spiritual gifts) to speak to/bless other people? What difference would that make?

Ask God to speak, pause to listen, share with each other what God is saying.



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