Sermon Notes for Reflection and Discussion: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

#### Introduction:

Jamie begins his sermon with a discussion of how tired and weary the disciples were going into Pentecost, how afraid and confused they must have been. Yet they received the Holy Spirit.

Why is it important that they received the Spirit despite how they felt? How does God move toward them at Pentecost?

## 1 – The Same Spirit

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead indwells each believer. What does that look like? How does God work miracles in our lives?

Where have we seen His work?

#### 2 - The Same Measure

Jamie points out that each believer has the same measure of the Holy Spirit, despite its different manifestations. Why might the church in Corinth have missed this?

How might we miss it? How do we miss it?

Why is it important that we all have the same measure of the Spirit?

#### 3 - Different Manifestations/Varieties of Gifts

Paul says that "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit" in this passage. How does each gift listed showcase the Holy Spirit differently?

#### 4 – Yielding to the Spirit

Paul says in Philippians 2:13 that "it is God who works in you" for our salvation and our good works. This ties into Jamie's understanding that the Christian walk is one of continuously yielding to the Spirit, not acquiring more of it.

Why is it important that we have the wholeness of the Spirit from the start? Why might yielding be difficult? How can one yield to the Spirit?

Why is yielding to the Spirit important? Do we do it on our own?

#### 5 – Good Gifts

Jamie cites Matthew 7:11, where Jesus reminds us the Father always gives good gifts to His children.

What are some of God's gifts to us? How can we better orient our lives to see His gifts each day?

### **Bible Passage:**

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

# **One Body with Many Members**

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves<sup>12</sup> or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.