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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

**TAKEAWAY:**. The Holy Spirit is a person to know, not a force to capture.

**HEAD CHANGE:** The spiritual gift is an enablement to meet the needs of people given by the Holy Spirit.

**HEART CHANGE:** Desire the gifts of the Spirit in your life. **LIFE CHANGE:** Take the Spiritual Gifts assessment at

EthosOH.com/gifts and ask a friend to pray for you that the Holy Spirit would begin revealing ways to use the gifts He has and is giving.

### **OVERVIEW**

#### Experiencing the Grace & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

There's a crucial principle we need to understand from the outset: Spiritual gifts are not God bestowing to his people something external to himself. They are not some tangible "stuff" or "substance" separable from God. Spiritual gifts are nothing less than God himself in us, energizing our souls, imparting revelation to our minds, infusing power in our wills, and working his sovereign and gracious purposes through us.

**1 Corinthians 12:7** (NLT) - A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated?
- 2. Does it make sense to you to think of the Holy Spirit as a person? What are the primary obstacles that might keep you from thinking of him in this way? How might you overcome these?
- 3. What would it mean for you to have a "personal relationship" with the Holy Spirit? What would this entail? Would it be any different from the way you have a relationship with the Father and the Son? If so, how? Should it?
- 4. What is your spiritual gift and how can you use it to serve others?

## **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

Father, we can't do any of this without You. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, come. Show me more of you. Reveal the areas of my life that have been off the table from you. I want to be used by you. Amen.