

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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“Power and Gifts” - #2 in the series The Wild Goose: Exploring the Holy Spirit

Texts (NIV): Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Romans 12:6-8

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples - the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send an “advocate” to be with them forever - marking the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world.
 - How do you imagine they received or reacted to this promise?
3. **Read Acts 2:1- 4.**

The Holy Spirit’s appearance to the Apostles could be described as extraordinary - even shocking.

 - Why might God have chosen such a “wild” and unpredictable entrance into the faith of the Apostles and other disciples?
 - Have you ever experienced the working of the Holy Spirit in an extraordinary or unexpected way?
4. **Read I Corinthians 12:4-11.**

The diversity of spiritual gifts Paul describes are not all-inclusive but are varied and distributed as the Spirit determines.

 - Although spiritual gifts are not ranked in importance, why do some place greater importance on some than others?
 - Have you ever felt you’ve been given a spiritual gift for a specific purpose?
5. **Read Romans 12: 6–8.**

Paul provides an additional perspective on spiritual gifts, guiding us on how to use the gifts we’ve been given.

 - How do you understand the role of grace in the spiritual gifts we are given?
 - Why might how we use our gifts be as important as the gifts themselves?
6. How can we pray for you?