



Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: FIVE DIRECTIONS 01.27.2019

Recap:

- What we translate “Spirit” is the word “Pnuema.” This Greek word means “breath” or “wind” and it’s used to talk about how we experience God’s presence through the Holy Spirit. We experience God as a creator and father, as Jesus who lived among us, and as this Holy Spirit that is like breath and wind in our lives.
- What God has, he gives to us freely. We experience this gift through the very reality of breathing. Our very lives are a gift from God.
- Paul says that if God is at work in your life, you see things in a different way. You see that Jesus’s life actually mattered, and in the resurrection of Jesus, we discover that every part of our lives can and should be redeemed and given to God.
- Everything you have in your life has been given to you is for something bigger than you could ever imagine.
- The direction “contribute” is having the faith to change directions and trust and give when all the evidence points to fear and to take. Without you, this project we call the church will never be complete. In fact, that’s why Southeast keeps that in the name.

Discuss:

1. READ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
2. Looking at the gifts that Paul lists, which seems like ones that you might have?
3. Paul writes that there are different kinds of gifts. Do you think there are gifts that Paul does not include here?
4. When Paul writes that “the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good” (verse 7), what do you think he means by “common good”? What does that entail?
5. Paul writes that the Spirit “distributes them to each one, just as he determines” (verse 11). What is important in that phrasing “as he determines”? How is this phrase counter to how many of us act?
6. Are you a person who lives knowing that life has been given to you for something bigger than you can imagine? Share a moment or explain this belief.
7. If you feel comfortable sharing, do you think your priorities line up with God’s priorities? Do you feel called to use your time and resources differently? If so, how?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings about Contributing

- Psalm 24
- Luke 21:1-4
- Romans 12:3-8