

# Gifted: Together

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## Connect:

- \* How were you able to help or give to others this past week?
- \* What was helpful, encouraging or challenging about this week's message *Gifted: Together*?

## Study:

- \* How much did God say the builders of the Tower of Babel would be able to accomplish? Why? **Genesis 11:6**
- \* What was emphasized about the disciples when the Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost? **Acts 1:14; 2:1,44,46**
- \* In the vision of the dry bones, what did Ezekiel see the Holy Spirit do before the bones came to life? **Ezekiel 37:7**
- \* How does what Ezekiel saw compare to the imagery that Paul uses to describe the church? **1 Corinthians 12:4,12,27**
- \* What is the purpose of each one using their different gifts in connection with the rest of the body? **Ephesians 4:8,11-13**
- \* What is the ultimate goal of our being united? **John 17:20-21**

## Apply:

- \* What things tend to keep us from being united/working together as a church body?
  - \* Think of a person in our church who has different gifts from you but that you really appreciate. Share with the group.
  - \* How can we appreciate other people's gifts, even when they are totally different from ours?
  - \* What are specific steps you can take this week to work together with other members in the body of Christ?:
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**Pray Together:** *Take significant time to pray together now about the things you have learned and the commitments you are making for this week*

## Further Inspiration

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***"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world. The principles that should actuate us as workers in God's cause are laid down by the apostle Paul."***

— *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 221

***"When the Saviour said, 'Go, ... teach all nations,' He said also, 'These signs shall follow them that believe;...' The promise is as far-reaching as the commission. Not that all the gifts are imparted to each believer. The Spirit divides 'to every man severally as He will.' 1 Corinthians 12:11. But the gifts of the Spirit are promised to every believer according to his need for the Lord's work. The promise is just as strong and trustworthy now as in the days of the apostles. 'These signs shall follow them that believe.' This is the privilege of God's children, and faith should lay hold on all that it is possible to have as an indorsement of faith."***

— *Desire of Ages*, p. 823

***"The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of the body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart."***

— *The Review and Herald*, December 2, 1890

***"Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness."***

— *Testimonies For The Church*, vol. 8, p. 242

## Further Reading:

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- 1 Corinthians 12; Ezekiel 37
- *Desire of Ages*, Chapter 86, "Go Teach All Nations"