

## Small Group/Sermon Notes for Vision: Spirit and Truth Part 5

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Spirit and Truth** based on **John 4:23-24**.
- **Part 5: Putting the AND in Spirit and Truth.**
- How can the things of the spirit be communicated to truth people? Evaluate this attempt:
  - Substitute the word "spirit" with the word "mentality."
    - For example, **2 Timothy 1:7**.
      - Is timidity evil? Not really, but it can steal God's plan for you!
    - Also, judgmental spirit, religious spirit, Holy Spirit. (sub in "mentality")
      - Mind of Christ, **1 Corinthians 2:12-3:3**.
      - How did the Corinthians miss the holy mentality they should have for a worldly mentality of jealousy and quarreling?
  - Don't secularize the word "spirit," but spiritualize the word "mentality."
    - Mind, body, and spirit are intertwined.
    - What spiritual things influence our mentality? (good and bad)
- So, let's put Spirit and Truth together. This is 1 Corinthians 12, 13, and 14.
  - Ch 12: Gifts of the Spirit. **1 Corinthians 12:4-13**
    - We are all different but form one body. This is a responsibility.
      - Embrace your differences. This is part of God's plan!
      - Embrace their differences! This is also part of God's plan!
    - V7. For the common good.
      - Who is your gift for? It is for the group! You are responsible to deliver it.
      - Focus on your gift benefiting others rather than yourself!
  - Ch 13: Fruits of the Spirit.
    - Which is more important, fruit or gifts? **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**
    - Love is key because we live in an era of imperfection! **1 Cor 13:8-10**
      - We must have grace for one another. We have to use our gifts to develop them.
      - Have you ever gotten stuck evaluating instead of participating?
  - Ch 14: Putting it all together. Spirit and Truth in the public church service.
    - This is a whole chapter about tongues, interpretation, and prophetic words in the regular church service! That's helpful! Too much to cover, but I'll hit a point or two!
    - Remember "common good" from Ch 12?
      - Be aware of how others are affected and avoid hurting people.
        - Your gift isn't for you, so don't make it about you.
      - When someone else speaks in tongues you often get **1 Cor 14:17**.
      - Extreme case of this is **1 Cor 14:23!**
    - But when it's working you get **1 Cor 14:24-25**.
    - Truth Key: **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21**.
      - Critical spirit tests everything and holds on to the bad!!
    - Isn't that the trick though? To know the difference between a good thing that's outside my comfort zone and a bad thing? What are your thoughts about that?
  - Conclusion is **1 Cor 14:39-40**.
    - Good Hope's version of "decently and in order" is providing a safe and free environment where the Spirit can more. Only people approved by Pastor Mike get to speak.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!