

Take-Home · Session 12

Equipped and Sent

What We Found

Scripture's first man explicitly called filled with the Spirit was a craftsman: Bezalel, filled with ability, intelligence, knowledge, and craftsmanship to build God's dwelling (Exodus 31:1-5). Many charisms meet ordinary, weekly needs.

Every distribution has one Giver and one direction: "to each is given... for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7); "employ it for one another, as good stewards" (1 Peter 4:10). No charism terminates in its holder.

The inventory's two parts stay distinct: Part 1 is prayerful reflection, not a test of holiness, on how we respond to the seven Gifts every baptized person receives; Part 2 discerns the charisms apportioned individually, with fruitfulness, community confirmation, and joy as helpful signs, under the guidance of the Church and her pastors.

The thread resolved: once darkness, now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8), and light is for the night. Equipped children of light are sent, and the Father is glorified by our bearing much fruit (John 15:8).

Voices of the Church

Lumen Gentium 12 · *Second Vatican Council, summary*

The Spirit distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank, outstanding or simple and widespread, received with thanksgiving, discerned with the Church's shepherds.

St. Paul VI · *Evangelii Nuntiandi 75, summary*

The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelization: he impels the proclaiming and opens hearts to receive it. Techniques do not convert; the Spirit does.

St. John Paul II · *Christifideles Laici 24, summary*

Charisms are a wealth of grace for the whole Body: received in gratitude, employed in service, and exercised in reference and submission to the Church's pastors.

Live It This Week

This week's one thing. Complete Inventory Part 2 within two weeks and review it with a pastor, director, or mature friend.

- Optional: Try one concrete act of service your worksheet points to before the follow-up gathering, and ask someone honest whether it helped.
- Optional: Keep your abiding practice: exercise every gift close to Christ and in charity.

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 12:7 · To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Before Next Session

There is no next session; there is a sending. Complete the inventory, and walk by the Spirit.

Scripture this session: Exodus 31:1-5; Genesis 41:38; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Isaiah 49:6; Matthew 5:16; Acts 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 · Catechism: 799-801, 863-865, 1302-1303, 2003