

Sierra Leadership Network: Month 10, Year 1

Participation in the Sierra Leadership Network (SLN) is a process of adult learning. It is the responsibility of the participant to do their assignments and seek out the necessary accountability. It is the responsibility of the participant to schedule time with their mentor, not the other way around. Here is a checklist of this month's exercises and space for comments. All useful generated materials should be placed in your Sierra Leadership Network binder. The mentor will look over the exercises and be given opportunity to add their own comments. Be sure you take your binder to the quarterly meetings at Granite Springs Church to also be available to the SLN directors.

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Mentor Comments

Holy Spirit

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Preaching/Teaching

[Estimated time: _____]

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Listening to God

[Estimated time: _____]

Participant Signature

Mentor Signature

The Holy Spirit: Spiritual Gifts

1. Survey the New Testament texts that teach on the Holy Spirit. List the important texts or passages and give a one sentence description of what that text teaches about the Holy Spirit.
2. Pay special attention to Paul's references to the Holy Spirit. What role in the Christian life does Paul see the Spirit as taking?
 - a. What does Paul mean by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22f)? Why is "fruit" singular? Given other things Paul said about the Spirit, what else might you list as "fruit" of the Spirit?
 - b. Find Paul's passages on spiritual gifts
 - i. For what reason are the gifts given?
 - ii. Paul lists different gifts in different passages, is each list meant to be exhaustive? What kinds of things would you characterize as gifts of the Spirit?
 - iii. Are all of the gifts "supernatural"? Defend your answer.
 - iv. What might be the relationship between God's work in creation and God's work through the Spirit in giving spiritual gifts? Is there a link?
 - c. What is the relationship between the "fruit" of the Spirit and the "gifts" of the Spirit?
3. What do you believe are your spiritual gifts? How do you know? How would you counsel to discover their Spiritual gifts?
4. In the 20th Century the Pentecostal tradition was born. This tradition placed a heavy emphasis on attempting to observe verifiable manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Given your survey of the NT passages regarding the Holy Spirit, evaluate this perspective. In what ways is this valid? In what ways may it be deceiving?

Preaching and Teaching: Write a sermon, or write a study (or series of studies) on the Holy Spirit. Have your mentor or a person whose opinion you trust evaluate your work.

Listening to God: Evangelicalism has placed a heavy emphasis on the language "personal relationship with God". Through prayer, meditation on Scripture, the work of the church, and fellowship in the body of believers, most of us try to discern a sense of God speaking to us, moving us in our lives, calling us to some things and not others. For some this is a highly experiential, subjective, and dramatic reality, for others it is much more quiet, tentative and subtle. Write a one or two side paper on how you listen to God. Give concrete examples of times you have taken action on something that you believe God was leading you towards. Where are you on that spectrum? Discuss this with your mentor.