



## Discussion Guide

October 14, 2018

### The Anointing of the Holy Spirit

Sermon by Pastor Heather Prosser

- Read Philippians 2:5-11; John 14:12
- Jesus loved us so much that he clothed himself in humanity, coming down to Earth to live as man among us. Likewise, as Pastor Heather said, we are granted the gift of clothing ourselves in Christ and loving others as he loved us—and loving Christ and each other is one of the greatest things we can do.
- When Jesus came to earth, even though he was divine and without sin, he did not begin his ministry until the anointing of the Holy Spirit came upon him. How much more, then, must we rely on the power that comes from the Holy Spirit's anointing to do God's will, to live a holy life, and to love each other? Without the anointing, we are slaves to our sinfulness; with the anointing, God imbues us with power and freedom to live as Christ does.

Can you think of a time when you ministered to others under God's anointing? What about a time when you tried to minister or serve on your own strength instead? What was the result each time?

Something really amazing about the anointing is that it looks different on each of us. God calls us each to different kinds of ministry and service, and equips us accordingly. What have you learned so far about your God-given gifts? Are you stronger in areas where others might be less equipped?

Talk about the following words of Pastor Heather: "The gift of God does not show maturity in God; it shows surrender to God." What does she mean by this? Do you have a hard time believing it? Why or why not?



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### Upcoming Events to Promote at Your Group

**Midweek Refresh** | Wednesdays  
7pm

**The Hope Center** | Thursdays  
10am-4pm

**Night of Hope** | October 24 7pm

### Key Components of a Healthy Care Group

Worship  
Prayer  
Body Life Ministry  
Bible  
Discussion

*Remember to DELEGATE responsibilities to others!*

**\*Remember your Care Group benevolence offering!**  
**\*\*After your Care Group, remember to complete your online Care Group Report or email your Section Pastor.**