## 6 Church & Spiritual Gifts

# MONTH 6

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"Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad you are here for the start of a new month. This month our focus is going to be on the big "C" church and spiritual gifts. Let's open in prayer..."

#### OPENING PRAYER

"This week our focus is on helping each other understand and believe what God's design is for the Church.



Let's start with an opening scenario and discuss what we think about it as a group. Imagine a large table set for 20 guests where everyone is asked to contribute a dish to the meal.

**SPEAKER** Whatever is served at the table will be the result of each guest's generosity or selfishness. Would you try to bring your best dish

or throw something together last minute that you're not very proud of?" (Open for large discussion).

"Okay, now let's try to compare that example and discussion to the Church. It is important to understand that we are talking about the **big** "**C**" **Church**, which is a corporate group of people who belong to God. Church, as the Bible teaches, is much more than a place we gather on Sundays - it is more like a family.

Ephesians 5:23 describes the Church as the body of Christ, meaning we belong to a family and Jesus Christ is the head or ultimate leader of that family. Acts 20:28 tells us that Jesus purchased the Church, or our family, with His own blood when He died on the Cross. We become members of the Church by being "called" into the body (Colossians 3:15) and then being "baptized" (1 Corinthians 12:13)."



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Today, we really want to try to understand God's design for the Church (family). **So, let's break out into small groups to discuss the following questions**:



**SPEAKER** 

1. What is the role of a family?

- 2. Are all family members exactly alike?
- 3. Do families always agree with each other and get along?4. What issues may arise in a family?

(Close small groups)

"Hopefully, you had some good discussion in your small groups to help us better understand the idea of a family and how they work together.

I think we can all agree that families are really different, they do not always get agree, and they are far from perfect. The same can be said of the Church or God's family.

The Church is really different, we do not always agree, and we are far from perfect. But, even with our differences and imperfections, God designed us to be better together."

