



## **Week 2: August 29 – September 4**

**Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)**  
**Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer**

**Vision Casting (2 minutes):** As Christians winning is becoming more like Christ and leading others to become more like Christ. Let's encourage one another to become more like Christ today.

**Hook Question (5 minutes):** When have you experienced an outpouring of the Spirit of God in your life?

**Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):**

Gifts of manifestation are gifts that can only be explained as expressions of the Holy Spirit. These gifts include wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. These giftings are alive and active in our world today because the Holy Spirit is alive and active. He distributes these gifts freely to whom He pleases in His perfect timing.

The gift of prophecy is a prominent gift seen throughout Scripture. Prophecy is "divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproofing and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events." (blb.org) Paul expresses his desire for all to prophecy in 1 Corinthians 14:5 so that the church would be built up. But this was not the first time a prominent person in Scripture expressed their desire for all to prophesy. The first instance is found in today's story, under the leadership of Moses.

In today's story, the Hebrew people (aka Israelites) had just escaped the oppression of Pharaoh in Egypt. They had crossed the Red Sea and were preparing to enter the promised land of Israel. But their journey was not easy. Therefore, the people began to complain. Their complaining infuriated the Lord. As a result, His fire burned against them, destroying the outskirts of their camp. Moses cried out to God on behalf of the people and the fire of the Lord subsided. But the people continued to complain about the manna they ate which kindled the anger of the Lord again. This displeased Moses who had a plea for God. This is where our story begins...

**Tell the story from Numbers 11:10-30 (12 Minutes):** Change the storyteller often.

**Rebuild the story:** Retell the story as well as possible.

**Read Numbers 11:10-30:** Ask the group to read these verses.

**Discussion Questions:** Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as much time as needed)**

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story tell you about people or yourself?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- Who can you relate to in this story? (God, Moses, the priests, the people, the young man Joshua)
- What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about? How do you need to apply this story to your life?

**Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.**