Lesson 10: Activating & Cultivating the Word of Knowledge

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This week’s lesson is an examination of our motives. The topics discussed here are relevant no matter what your spiritual gift may be. Don’t be afraid to be vulnerable, real, and transparent with the group about your own struggles and temptations.

Discussion Questions:
1. James said that when we ask God for something, we need to be careful not to ask with wrong motives. What would be the right motives for asking for the spiritual gift of a Word of Knowledge?
2. In the parable of the man asking for bread for his friend, who did the bread represent? How does this relate to spiritual gifts like the Word of Knowledge?
3. Based on the explanation in the chapter, why is it important to go beyond “asking and receiving” to “seeking and finding” and “knocking and having the door opened”?
4. Why is persistence such a vital component in activating and practicing this spiritual gift?
5. Is it necessary for every Christian to have the spiritual gift of a Word of Knowledge? Would it be beneficial for every Christian to have this spiritual gift?
6. What practical things can a person do to actively “eagerly desire” this spiritual gift?
7. Why is it important to “try to excel at spiritual gifts...”?

Application:

Since this is the last week of this study, take some time to reflect on everything that has happened throughout the last ten weeks. Even though you may have all been present the first time, recall the testimonies and share them again with the group. If someone particularly spoke into your life, take a moment to thank him or her. Be sure to include any testimonies of things God has done in and through your life during the week (while not meeting with the group). Finish with prayer, especially asking that the Lord would use each participant to put the Word of Knowledge in action!