



Corinthians 12

One Body, Many Gifts

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

The Corinthians were more than just confused about the role of the Holy Spirit, they were using their spiritual gifts as ways to make themselves feel superior to other Christians. Paul addresses this not as a side bar but as an affront to the gospel message. We learn from this text that spiritual gifts are given by God for His Church to use to benefit each other, glorify Him, and advance His gospel mission.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

- In verse 1-3 Paul is contrasting those who are pagan, those who curse Jesus, and those who call Him Lord. What is needed in order for someone to surrender to Jesus as Lord? Why do you think Paul was emphasizing the role of the Holy Spirit in this seemingly basic way?
- In what ways are you or have you associated the Holy Spirit with primarily experience of the gifts? Why is this false and dangerous? What is the truth that you need to believe?
- In what ways does understanding that the entire Trinity is involved in spiritual gifts cause you to praise God?
- Why does God bless us with spiritual gifts? What is the ultimate reason we should exercise our gifts? How should this be a blow to any pride we have in the gift God has given us?
- It is the Holy Spirit who applied the gifts and all Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit, therefore all Christians have been given a gift to contribute to the body. When we feel like we don't have anything to contribute how is that being self-centered? When we find ourselves with an attitude of self-deprecation, how should we repent and what do we need to believe?
- What are some gifts you have noticed among your community group or among the Church?
- What is one way you can show a person you appreciate their contribution to the body?
- What is one way you can take a step forward in exercising your gifts?

PRAYER

Pray that God would help you discover and use your gifts for the Body at Harvest for God's Glory.