



## Discussion Questions • 1 Corinthians 12

1. The apostle Paul dedicated an entire chapter of this book (1 Corinthians) to discuss the issue of spiritual gifts.
  - a. What was the issue that caused Paul to give so much attention to this subject? (See vs.1-2)
  - b. What are spiritual gifts, and is there a distinction between spiritual gifts and talents/skill? Can a talent or skill become a spiritual gift?
2. In this chapter (vs. 7, 11), Paul implies that every Christian has a spiritual gift. *(Also see Romans 12:3-8)*
  - a. For what purpose does the Holy Spirit give spiritual gifts to believers?
  - b. How would a Christian discern their spiritual gift?
  - c. What spiritual gift(s) have been affirmed in you?
  - d. How are you using your gifts for the common good?
3. Paul uses the human body with its multiple parts yet united as one body, to illustrate unity in the midst of diversity in the church.
  - a. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. What specific comparisons does Paul highlight between the human body and the church of Christ to illustrate unity and diversity in the body?
  - b. How would you explain our equality in Christ vs our diversity in giftedness? *(Are all gifts equal? Are all members equal?)*
  - c. What are his main points?
4. Vs. 11. *“All these are the works of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines.”*
  - a. In light of verse 11, should we seek after spiritual gifts we do not have? (e.g. healing, miracles, words of wisdom, words of knowledge etc)?
  - b. In light of Paul’s teaching in verse 11, what implications bear upon Christians in their ministry to the body of Christ as lay leaders or as paid ministry staff?

**OPTIONAL:** Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon?

**Wrap Up and Prayer:** What do you feel you should change in your life tomorrow as a result of this discussion? Pray for each other along with other requests.