

Church in the Park: God's Beautiful Gifted church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Discussion Guide: September 25, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review:

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. – Luke 19:10

Did you get to reach out to any Zacchaeus's this past week?

OPEN:

- What has been your experience with the subject of spiritual gifts? Has it been a "don't go there" subject, a "obsess over it" subject, or just an avoided subject? Something else?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:7-13

- How do you think we are ignorant about spiritual gifts today (vs 1)?
- What spiritual gifts do you see being used in our church?
 - o What happens when people don't use their spiritual gift?
- What significance is there in every Christian having a spiritual gift?
 - o How does this contradict the idea of a "consumer Christian"?
- Who and what are these gifts to be used for?
- These texts talk a lot about both the diversity of gifts and the unity of the church. What is the danger of expecting every person to have "all the gifts" or to expect other people to have the same gifting as you?
 - o What is powerful about the idea of God giving everyone different gifts but everyone being united under one Lordship?
- Why do you think the lists of gifts in these three passages are different? Do you think that teaches us anything about the discussion of spiritual gifts?

APPLY:

- What kind of spiritual gift do you think God has given you?
 - o What is the best way to learn your spiritual gift?
 - How does community play into that?

- An unpopular but likely true statement is, Christians should not fill church roles in areas of their weakness. Why is this true? (this does not mean that we don't work to improve our weaknesses in life).

- NEXT STEP: How can you find and exercise your spiritual gift better starting this week? (consider sharing with one another how you see that God has gifted others in the group).

Memory Work:

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

- 1 Corinthians 12:7

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