

Church in the Park: God's Beautiful Gifted church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Discussion Guide: October 2, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. - 1 Corinthians 12:7

Did you seek out a way to "give" your spiritual gift this past week?

OPEN:

- We began our study on spiritual giftedness this past week, as of now, in what ways do you think you have been uniquely gifted to strengthen the church?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

- How does the body metaphor help you better understand the function and power of the church?
 - o How does this affirm and/or challenge your ideas and perspective of what church is?
- Considering 12:26, how good are you at hurting with a fellow believer who is suffering and rejoicing with a fellow believer who is honored?
- In what ways do we struggle to see some "parts of the body" as more important than others in the church today?
- Verses 27-31 do not show a priority list but a discipleship list (apostles = missionaries, prophets and teachers teach and train, and the other gifts encourage etc...). How does this list help us in understand our giftedness in relation to the great commission?

APPLY:

- Describe yourself as a "part" of the body of Christ (an eye, hand, etc...). Why did you select that part?
 - o How does this passage make you feel about your place in the body of Christ?
 - How does it call you to action?
 - How does it show your need for others?

- How connected are you in the church body?
 - o What could you do to get better connected?
 - o What help do you need to be better connected?
 - o What do you think holds you back most from using your gifts fully for the church?

- NEXT STEP: What is one thing you can do this week to let another church member know they are valuable to you?

Memory Work:

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. - 1 Corinthians 12:12

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13