

LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Summer 2022

Week of July 3rd

1 Corinthians 12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be an EQUIP class on July 10th that will specifically talk about spiritual gifts that will go into detail on what they are and how they are to be used.
- Men's Event: July 18th 6:30-8pm, Dinner is provided. Please RSVP on City Church's website.
- Women's Gathering: August 29th 6:30-8pm, Dinner is provided. RSVP to come.

DISCUSSION FOCUS

Read (Primary Text): 1 Corinthians 12

Supporting Texts: Ephesians 4:11-16

MAIN IDEA: Spiritual gifts are for the building up of the body of Christ and demonstrate a unity through diversity.

OBSERVE

According to vs 1-3 what role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of a Christian?
The Holy Spirit drives a person to the ultimate confession "Jesus is Lord", the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer is what turns our heart to Jesus.

What is Paul's main point in vs 4 – 11?
He is emphasizing unity in diversity. Many gifts but one Spirit who gives them all. No one is awarded certain gifts for good behavior. Instead, the Holy Spirit sovereignly distributes the gifts to believers. Notice the passive verb "is given" throughout.

Looking at verses 12-26, why does Paul use the human body as an example of being unique individuals in the body of Christ? How do we apply this? *Just as the human body needs all of its parts to function properly, the body of Christ needs all of its parts. Each one serves a unique purpose. Each spiritual gift is needed for the body of Christ to function appropriately.*

What does vs 26 tell us about the way we are to care for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? *One believer and his/her gifts are not more important than the*

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others. Each is needed. We should be concerned about everyone in the body because when an eye suffers, the body suffers.

INTERPRET

How does this chapter point to the importance of the local church in the life of a believer? *Not only do we need the church (body of Christ) but the church (body of Christ) needs us since we are individual members (body parts) of it and our unique spiritual gifts. If we are not plugged into a local church, we are amputating that body.*

Read Ephesians 4:11-16 What are the two things Christians should unite around in vs 13, and why is it important that we grow in maturity in these? *Being unified in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son is critical for the believer in order to stand firm against the cleverness of false teaching.*

APPLY

What does it look like for a church to be a unified body of believers?
Unified around the gospel, working together to take the gospel to the world, building up fellow christians.

As a member/attender of City Church, how can you seek to unify and build up City Church?