

GIFTED TO SERVE!

1 Corinthians 12:1-26

Your gifting is...

- ... confirmed by a SPECIFIC litmus test vs. 1-3
- ... part of God's COMMUNITY strategy vs. 4-6
- ... INDIVIDUALLY assigned by the HOLY SPIRIT vs. 7
- ... useless until it is SHARED vs. 7
- ... DIFFERENT than someone else's gifting vs. 8-11
- ... equally VALUED along with everyone else's vs. 14-20
- ... equally NECESSARY along with everyone else's vs. 21-26

Discovering, Developing, and Deploying your gifting at AGCC

- Spiritual gifting WORKSHOP on **Connection Sunday**
- Commit to THREE spiritual meals per week;

DINE at two to connect and grow, SERVE at one

1. Attend Sunday CHURCH service
2. Join an ongoing SMALL group
 - SERVICE group; STUDY group; LIFE Group
3. Join a VOLUNTEER team
 - Help someone else CONNECT and GROW.

Challenge: Commit to #1; go to courtyard and discover #2 & #3

Auburn Grace Community Church - August 25th, 2019

Life Group Discussion Questions – August 25, 2019

1 Corinthians 12:24-26 *'But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.'*

QUICK REVIEW

1. Everywhere we look, we see evidence of darkness profoundly impacting our world. So much so, that it may cause us to doubt that God is really in control. What is one failsafe way to correct our attitude? How does this change our hearts?
2. No doubt, older folks can have influence in changing younger generations. Is it possible that the up-and-coming generation(s) can change the older generations despite their entrenched views? For instance, can "millennials" actually teach/lead "baby boomers"? How so?

MY STORY

1. In 1 Corinthians 12:1, Paul addresses the Corinthian believers hoping that they are aware of their spiritual giftings. Are you aware of the spiritual gifts God has blessed you with? What are they? What spiritual gifts do you desire? Why is that?
2. Discuss what happens when we serve (deploying our spiritual gifts) outside of the area that God intends. Is this any different than not serving at all? How often do you think this happens in the Christian community? Why is that?
3. How does knowing your spiritual gifts help you to understand the Holy Spirit working *through* you? How does this knowledge help to bring about unity in the body of Christ?

GOING DEEP (read 1 Corinthians 12:1-26)

1. What is the relationship between using spiritual gifts and simply doing God's will?
2. In the passage above, how many gifts can you identify? As a group, define what the gifts mean.
3. In verse 7, Paul uses the term, "manifestation of the Spirit." Distinguish this from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
4. What role do spiritual gifts have in selecting church leaders? What criteria should we use to examine a leader's potential? (see 1 Timothy 3:1-3 and Titus 1:5-9)

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?

