

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of May 22, 2016

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.

Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

New Living Translation (NLT)

⁴ *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.* ⁵ *There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.* ⁶ *God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.*

⁷ *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*

Please read 1 Corinthians 12

Connection Questions:

1. What characterized the Corinthians' past religious life when they were still spiritual "Gentiles" steeped in paganism?

2. In contrast to the capricious demonic activity, what does the apostle Paul tell us about the working of the Holy Spirit? See 1 Corinthians 12:3.

3. What two things does Paul emphasize in verses 4-6?

4. What does Paul tell us about the Holy Spirit's distribution of spiritual gifts (i.e. "the manifestation of the Spirit") and what is the purpose of those gifts?

5. In verses 8-10 the apostle provides us with a list of some of the gifts that the Holy Spirit dispenses to the church. What are they?

6. Do you think we should expect to find all of these gifts above present in the church at all times throughout church history?

7. How does a person discover his/her spiritual gifts?

8. Share your insight into your own spiritual gifts and how you have grown closer to God as you discovered and used them?