

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Unwrapping Spiritual Gifts

Dec 1

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)
How do you think you can use your gifts to serve the church?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
• (*found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>*)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: Finding Your Place

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable

are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Read through 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.

In the message Sunday we reflected on helping believers identify their unique spiritual gifts and their role within the church body.

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: **Reflect on Your Role:** Paul emphasizes that every part of the body is essential. What specific role do you think God has given you within the church, and how can you use your spiritual gifts to serve others.

Question 2: **Valuing Diversity in Gifts:** The sermon highlighted the importance of both visible and behind-the-scenes gifts. Can you share an example of a “hidden” gift you've seen in action, and how did it impact the church community?

Question 3: **Overcoming Hesitation:** The sermon mentioned some people might feel their gifts are insignificant. Have you ever felt hesitant to serve? What steps can we take to overcome this mindset and embrace our God-given roles?

Question 4: **Stepping Out in Faith:** The story of the couple leading a Bible study group showed the impact of stepping out of one’s comfort zone. What is one area of ministry you feel called to explore, even if it’s outside your comfort zone? How can you take a first step this week?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

What is God challenging you in your heart about where you fit in at WestPark?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would use all of us in the giftings He has given us for the common good?