

Discussion Questions

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Sermon Outline

Gifts for the Body | 1 Corinthians 12

One Spirit Provides a Variety of Gifts (12:4-11)

- **Question:** Do you feel equipped to serve the body in a unique way? How has your gift benefitted others in the church in the past?

The Different Gifts Make Up One Unified Body (12:12-27)

- **Question:** Have you deprived the church of your unique gift because you don't perceive it as important? Do you have such a high view of your own gift that you have built yourself up rather than building up the church body?

Bottom Line: We all have the responsibility to use God's gifts for the good of the body.

Talking Points

* Why do you think Paul reminds the Corinthians of their past "pagan" background before diving into a teaching about spiritual gifts?

* How does focusing on Jesus protect the church from being led astray by false or counterfeit "spiritual experiences"?

* Pastor Jordan stated in the sermon "Your gift is not for you. My gift is not for me. It is for the body!" How does this statement challenge our cultures view on our talents and platforms?

* Evaluate your motives and usage of your giftings. How often are you looking for opportunities to use your gifts for the body of Christ? Why are you serving? If you are not serving, what is holding you back?

* Why is it common for believers to fall into the comparison trap and feel like their giftings or contributions do not matter?

* It is easy for us to celebrate big time pastors and rockstar worship leaders. How can we as a church actively push back against this pressure and honor the "inferior" or "weaker" members of the body?

* What do you believe your spiritual gifting is? How are you going to use it this week to glorify Christ?

If you are unsure of your spiritual gifting, what is one step of obedience you can still take this week to step into deeper relationship with the body of Christ?

Understanding Scripture

1. Read the passage aloud.

- Question: How would the original audience have understood this passage?
- Question: What was God's desire for them?

2. Reread key verse(s) aloud.

- Question: What does this teach us about the human soul, desires, or behavior?
- Question: What does this teach us about the nature, desires, or behavior of God?

3. Ask if anything is difficult to understand in the passage, or simply point it out yourself.

- Back up from the confusing verse and reread the whole section slowly—highlight the author's flow of thought.
- Ask everyone, "What are some possible interpretations?" Encourage curiosity!
- If needed, provide clarification, but admit if you don't have a satisfactory explanation, and volunteer to research answers. Share your findings over text or at the next meeting.

4. Summarize the passage in 1-3 sentences to refocus the group ("Okay, so far we've seen in Amos...")

- Question: What does this say about our relationship with God and/or each other?
- Question: How do the teachings, actions, or person of Jesus shed light on this passage?

Prayer Requests

