

IN THE CHURCH

Made For More Series

Discussion Questions

Opening Discussion

- Who is one person you see serve every week at CCCC that you really appreciate (not a staff/elder, but someone on a serving team)?
- When you think about how God has SHAPED you, how do you think he has called you to serve in the church?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- Why do you think Paul starts by talking about unity before he lists any spiritual gifts?
- Notice the trinitarian formula in these verses (Spirit, Lord [Jesus], and God [Father]). How does the trinity illustrate unity amidst diversity?
 - What specific roles does the Father play? The Son? The Spirit?
- Verse 7 says that each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit, for the common good. How does this challenge the idea that spiritual gifts would be primarily about personal fulfillment?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

- Observation: list the gifts Paul describes in this text.
 - Do you believe this list is exhaustive or illustrative?
- What does he say is the purpose of these gifts?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

- What do we learn from this illustration of the church as a body?
- Is this passage about the specific gifts or a call to unity?
 - If the church is to have a unified purpose, what is it?
 - If as members of the church we are to have a unique contribution, what's yours?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-27

- How does sharing in suffering and in rejoicing shape the body of Christ?
- Describe how some roles in our church "seem to be weaker" but are actually indispensable.

Application

- What has shaped the way you currently see the church the most—past experiences, personality, spiritual gifts, or cultural expectations?
- What is one practical way you can use your SHAPE to serve in the church?

Closing Reflection

- How can this group pray for you as you seek to serve the body?