

# PATHWAYS

A FAIL-PROOF PLAN FOR HOW TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1 CORINTHIANS 12-14 // UNLEASH YOUR GIFT & LOVE THE BODY

1. Was there anything about the message today that you found particularly helpful? Anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Was there anything from our discussion last week that you'd like to report on? Did you act on any of your "next step" commitments? If so, tell us about it.
3. If you're a Christian, you've been gifted for ministry! What's your gift? Share how you use it (inside or outside the church). What's your favorite memory serving in ministry?
4. The motivation and manner of our Christian service comes from the servant heart of Jesus. How did Jesus go about serving others and how should that influence ours? What's the right & wrong motivation for serving?
5. 1 Corinthians 12 warns against two extremes when it comes to serving in ministry. One says "my gift/service doesn't matter." The other says, "my gift/service is all that matters." In the church, EVERY person matters and we need everyone using their gift if we are to become all that we can be. Which side do you tend toward and why?
6. Sometimes people assume serving in ministry means serving "in the church." That's not true. MANY of the gifts mentioned in Scripture play best OUTSIDE the church walls. If you serve in Broadview, share where and how you think it helps to build our church. If you serve outside of Broadview, how do you use your gift and how does it "build the church" as a whole? If you could serve anywhere, where/what would it be?
7. What keeps people from unleashing their gift and serving in ministry? What would you say to them? How did YOU first get encouraged to understand and unleash your spiritual gift? When did you first start to serve in ministry?
8. In light of today's discussion, what are some practical next steps that you can take this week to apply God's Word to your life? How can we help you/pray for you so that you're successful in that effort?