

WEEK 20: WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU FOR?

SCRIPTURE GUIDE

1 Corinthians 12

MAIN FOCUS

As we reflect on our lives, we can probably think of 5-6 events that shaped who we are today. It may even be something as recent as Hurricane Ian. Examining who we are can bring a full range of emotions; like the Corinthian church, some of those things that shaped us may have come from lies.

Paul seeks to set the church straight; not just the church in Corinth, but the church Christ has established on this earth over the next 2000 years. For those who believe, our identity starts with Jesus. We are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (verse 27) Steve summarizes it this way:

“I am a saint who has been gifted by the Holy Spirit
to serve the body Of Jesus Christ
as empowered and appointed by God the Father”

We believe God has equipped each believer in a unique way to bless His church. God gives us the ability to do spiritual work. God gives people the skills He needs them to have when He calls people to do what He wants them to do. And these skills and gifts are meant for community.

If you'd like more information on Spiritual gifts, to take a spiritual gifts inventory survey, or to see how your talents, gifts, and abilities could be used in our local body, please visit riversidechurch.org/serve.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 1:27, Exodus 28:3, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 1:2

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. How have I typically defined myself? Are there lies I have struggled with in the past, or am wrestling with currently?
2. When in my life have I felt the most closely connected to God?
3. How have I experienced God equipping me?
4. When have I seen God bless me through somebody else's hands?
5. What does it mean to me that I belong to God?
6. How does sin in my life affect me?
7. Is there a way that I have considered serving the body but haven't yet acted on?

SCAN TO WATCH
SERMON CLIP

