

LIFE LABS

LEADER GUIDE

WEEK 5: Purpose

Ice Breaker

Tell the group one thing you wish you could do, but you've tried and just can't! Salsa dancing, pantomime, etc.

Watch the Video

Scripture Reading

Read 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 30

Some Definitions

Paul mentions some standard jobs for folks in this first century church. Let's talk about what these job titles mean to them in the first century:

Apostles: Spiritual leaders that lead the leaders of multiple congregations.

Prophets: Speaks on behalf of God, almost always talking from scripture, calling people to action in the present.

Pastoral types today.

Teachers: Those who are gifted at studying and revealing scripture to others.

Miracle Workers: Those who's work with others brings on the fruit of the supernatural hand of God.

Healing: Through the supernatural or through skill, those who bring physical and spiritual healing to this world.

Helping: Those gifted to be helpful to others at a high volume.

Leadership: Those having the skills to lead organizations.

Languages: Those who are gifted with innate ability and study, or supernatural ability to speak in and/or understand other languages. Consider the example in Acts 2 where Peter spoke in his own language and 2000 folks from all over the world understood and came to Jesus.

Discussion Questions

What are some other talents that God gives to use within the context of a local church?

How is it that every local church has a variety of these gifts and talents? Much is God's will or free will in that?

After consideration, are your skills and abilities being used in the church to the best and highest use.

Praises and Prayer Requests

Make a list of what everyone in the group can be praying for throughout the week.