



The Gathering



MARCH 19, 2023 / THE BODY OF CHRIST / 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

1 CORINTHIANS 12 ADDRESSES A CONFLICT THE CORINTHIANS HAD OVER THE MANIFESTATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS. THE APOSTLE PAUL PLACES THIS CONFLICT WITHIN THE LARGER FRAMEWORK OF HIS VISION FOR A UNIFIED CHURCH. THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. AND AS HIS BODY, WE ARE TO LOVE AND SERVE EACH OTHER SUCH THAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD SEES THE BEAUTY OF THE GOSPEL.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

1. In what ways are your close relationships within the church different from those outside the church?
2. How has becoming a Christian changed the way you identify yourself (1 Corinthians 12:13)? (see Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 3:9-11)
3. Have you ever felt inferior as a part of the church community (1 Corinthians 12:15)? Or superior toward others in the church (1 Corinthians 12:21)?
4. How is the diversity in giftedness among members central to God's design for the church (1 Corinthians 12:24b-26)?
5. Have you benefited from another believer coming alongside you in a period of personal suffering?
6. How might you exercise your gifts to show love and concern to someone in need today?

Holy Spirit, help me know my unique role in serving those in need today.