

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

A Celebration of Our Diversity of Gifts

“You do not lack any spiritual gift” (1 Corinthians 1:7).

The congregation in Corinth enjoyed so many spiritual benefits. They also experienced numerous divisions. In 1 Corinthians 12-14, the Apostle Paul deals with the divisive idea that one spiritual gift is more important and more desirable than any other. There is one gift that is greatest, but it is not the one the Corinthians desired.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1. A person might think, “I don’t have any spectacular spiritual gifts, so maybe I don’t have the Spirit at all.” How does Paul put that fear to rest in verse 3?
2. Although we have different gifts, what do we all have in common? (vv. 4-6 & v. 7 & v. 11)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

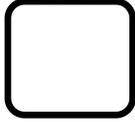
3. What lessons can we learn as members of the church from the way the body functions?

Read 1 Corinthians 13

4. The Corinthians valued speaking in tongues as the greatest gift. Why is love far more important?
5. How does the description of love in 13:4-7 challenge you in your church life and your home life?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

6. Prophecy in the Bible is often not “foretelling the future” but “teaching God’s Word clearly.” When God’s word is taught clearly, “the secrets of [our] hearts are laid bare.” Share a time when you experienced that feeling that “the pastor must have been in our home this week.”
7. If you have opportunity, complete the WELS Spiritual Gifts Discovery Tool to learn about the gifts the Spirit has given you and share your findings about yourself with the group (<https://wels.net/wp-content/uploads/sgt/sgdt-1.html>), Affirm those gifts that you see in each other.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

In View of God's Mercy, Serve with Humility A Lesson from a Wrench Set Romans 12:3-8

1. Bigger wrenches are not more important wrenches.

- a. P_____ has no place in this set.
- b. E_____ has no place in this set.

2. All the wrenches are part of the same set.

- a. Celebrate the d_____
- b. Celebrate the s_____

3. Every wrench is unique in this set.

- a. Do you know what makes you unique?
- b. Do you know your importance to the set?

My Next Steps

- **Discover your spiritual gifts:** Use the WELS Spiritual Gifts Discovery Tool to learn about the gifts the Spirit has given you. <https://wels.net/wp-content/uploads/sgt/sgdt-1.html>
- **Explore your spiritual gifts:** Discuss the results of your Spiritual Gifts Discovery with a friend. Does your friend see those gifts in you? Discuss how you are already putting your gifts and passion to work blessing others. Discuss new ways you might be interested in serving.
- **Go Deeper:** Take the "I AM Built" assessment with St. Paul's member Emily Krill to better understand how God has uniquely prepared you for ministry. Email her at ejkrill@gmail.com.