

# **Stop Going to Church**

## **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

**October 18, 2020**

### **Warming Up**

1. What is your favorite tool you've ever used? Why do you like it? How has it helped you to get jobs done? What would you have had to do to get the job done without it? Do you have a "go to" person from which to borrow tools that you don't have? Who are they? How have they been a help in the past?

### **Knowing the Gospel...**

2. Read 1 Cor. 12:4-5. How does Paul refer to God in these verses? Why do you think he does that? Check out Ephesians 4:3-16 to help inform your discussion.

3. What do all of the spiritual gifts listed in vv. 4-11 have in common? What should that tell us about the nature of spiritual gifts? The expression of spiritual gifts? The purpose of spiritual gifts? How does verse 11 inform us about spiritual gifts?

4. Read 1 Cor. 12:8-10 along with Romans 12:3-8. When (and in whom) have you seen these gifts in operation? How have they been used to build up the body of Christ?

### **Live the Gospel....**

5. In both Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Cor. 12, Paul's instructions on spiritual gifts are immediately followed by exhortations to love and honor each other in the church. (Romans 12:9-16) and (1 Cor. 13). Why do you think he does that? Why is love, honor, and affection such an important aspect of the discussion surrounding spiritual gifts? What can happen when love is absent in the exercising of spiritual gifts?

6. 1 Cor. 12:11 and 1 Peter 4:10-11. How many Christians does it seem receive spiritual gifts from the Spirit? According to 1 Peter 4:10-11, what are the purposes of spiritual gifts? How should that inform the way we use the gifts God has given us?

7. If it is true that every believer is equipped with spiritual gifts, to be used to build up the body of Christ, how should that shape our approach to: attending church, engaging in ministry during and outside of Sunday mornings, our relationships with other believers?

8. Share with the group how you think God has equipped you to serve others to bring glory to Him. How have you seen God use those gifts in the past? Currently?

## **Tell the Gospel....**

Do you know anyone with the gift of evangelism? If you do, who are they? What can/have you learned from them about sharing the gospel with others?

**Next Week:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-20