

Community: One Body, Many Parts

1. What is something you can do well? Was that ability/skill something that others recognized and validated, or is it something that you recognized and validated? Why is it helpful to have an ability/skill validated by others in the "real world"? How can that principle be used to give us direction about our spiritual gifts?
2. Re-read 1 Corinthians 12. Make a note of anything that stands out to you in the passage. Write down anything that creates a question for you. Share what you wrote with your group.
3. Paul talks about spiritual gifts throughout his letters, specifically in Romans 12, Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12. The Bible teaches that spiritual gifts are endowed by God through the sovereignty of the Holy Spirit. Do you recognize something from one of the gift lists Paul mentions in any of the passages above in yourself?
4. Do you think it is important to distinguish between a natural talent/ability and a spiritual gift? Why/why not?
5. As you read any of the passages from question #3, what is the reason that the Spirit empowers believers with a spiritual gift? Are spiritual gifts the only way to facilitate this?
6. Have you visited the Faith Church website to check out the spiritual gift test? If not, consider taking 15 minutes to fill it out. Share your results next time you meet together. When you share, talk as a group about how your gift(s) can be used more intentionally to encourage, care for, and equip the people at Faith Church to love each other more effectively.