

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (December 4, 2022)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

BIBLE PASSAGE STUDY QUESTIONS: READ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1. Read Psalms 115:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3; and 1 John 4:1-3. Why were the Corinthians led astray? What “test” does Paul advise to prevent being led astray?

2. To whom is given the manifestation of the Spirit (Romans 8:9, 14; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 1:13-14)? What is “manifestation of the Spirit”? Have you considered what this means for you personally?

3. **NOTE:** The nine spiritual gifts described in this passage is not a comprehensive list, but representative of the multiple gifts of the Spirit.

What is the common denominator of the gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11?
What point is Paul making?

4. For what purpose does the Spirit apportion gifts to believers (1 Corinthians 12:7, 11; Ephesians 4:11-13)?

5. “There are a great many spiritual gifts—which Paul talks about as kinds of “service” and “working” [activities]—but there is one Spirit, one Lord, one God. In the world, diversity feels as if it is pulling against unity; either you remain united and squash your differences or you express your difference and fragment into a thousand pieces. In the church, it is different. Diversity serves unity, and unity celebrates diversity. The people of God are many, yet we are one body.” (1 Corinthians For You p. 135 by Andrew Wilson)

Discuss the collaborative relationship and diversity within the Trinity and how this is an example for believers to follow. How do you perceive and appreciate the diversity of gifts contributing to the unity in the body of Christ both locally (within your own church and community) and globally?