

THE SPIRIT: Gifted

As preached on Sunday, February 27th

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1. In v.1 Paul tells the Corinthian believers that he doesn't want them to be uninformed. What does he mean? Are there ways that we are uninformed in the church today?
2. In vv.4-6 there is an emphasis placed on the fact that while there are many kinds of gifts, they all come from the same Spirit. Why is this important?
3. Verses 8-10 provide a brief list of just a few of the spiritual gifts. Take a moment to read through Romans 12:6-8 and Ephesians 4:11-12 as well. What are your initial impressions of these gift lists? Do you think they form, together, a comprehensive list of the gifts of the Spirit or are there other gifts not listed?
4. What does v.7 teach all believers about themselves? Is this something that you've always believed or is it something you're just now learning?
5. How can we be sure that we're using our spiritual gift(s) "for the common good"? What other ways are gifts sometimes used?
6. How does it feel to know that the Holy Spirit is the one determining just how spiritual gifts should be distributed? (v.11)
7. Do you know what your spiritual gift or gifts are? How did you find out? How can we find out if we're still trying to determine our gifts?
8. How have you put your spiritual gift to work? If you've yet to do so, how could you?