**“SPIRITUAL GIFTS”**

 **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Idea of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What was the most impactful part of the Sermon for you?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. What is one unique talent or ability you have (whether useful or pointless)?
2. What is your spiritual gift? How can you use your spiritual gift for the good of the people in your church?

**1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (NLT)**

1Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don’t want you to misunderstand this.

2You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols.

3So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

4There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. 7A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

9The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

10He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

11It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

***EXPLORE***

1. Why did Paul give the Corinthians advice about spiritual gifts? (12:1)
2. What was the condition of the Corinthians when they were pagans? (12:2)
3. What common element exists in the diversity of gifts, service, and working? (12:4–6)
4. Who is given the manifestation of the Spirit? (12:7)
5. What spiritual gifts did Paul describe? (12:8–10)
6. Who determines how the gifts are distributed? (12:11)

***APPLY***

1. Why is exercising a spiritual gift no guarantee of spiritual maturity nor an indicator that one belongs to a great church?
2. What is the difference between a used gift and an abused gift? Can someone abuse his or her gifts while appearing to use them faithfully? If so, how?
3. How must people depend on God as they use their spiritual gifts? Why is dependence on God crucial?
4. Have you ever been jealous of another person’s spiritual gift? Why is it significant that no one Christian has every spiritual gift? How can you cultivate joy in seeing others using their gifts?
5. Why don’t spiritual gifts necessarily match up with the personalities of those who have them? Why are spiritual gifts able to be used effectively and faithfully by people of all dispositions?