

Specific Questions: Text: 1Corinthians 12:1-11

1. Surprisingly few churches organize ministry around spiritual gifts. Why do you think that is so?
2. In v2 Paul observes that before faith in Christ the Corinthians worshipped idols, and that somehow they were led to that. What influenced your beliefs and/or worldview before you came to faith in Christ? What was different in the way you were led to Jesus?
3. v4-6 are very specific about the role of the Trinity in these gifts. How does that shape your view of God's work in His church?
4. Do you ever feel confused or frustrated that different people in the church approach the same matters from different perspectives? How does God giving a variety of gifts to the church help explain that?
5. v7 Since these gifts are given for the "common good" describe some ways believers should shift their attitudes, perspectives, or expectations in relation to their involvement in the Body of Christ.
6. Have you ever felt jealous about another Christian's gifts, or wished you had a different gift? How does v11 speak to that?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?