



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
R O C H E S T E R

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**July 14, 2024**

**Refresh**

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-7 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

**Discuss**

What was Paul trying to address among the churches of Corinth in 1 Corinthians 14:20-25? What were some of the indicators that things had gone wrong? How might we be able to see similar indicators in churches today?

What tends to happen when we misuse gifts from God? Why is it so critical that we exercise the gifts we've been given in a way that is obedient to God's will?

What are some examples of spiritual gifts being misused throughout church history? What are some examples of misuse in our modern day?

How does the misuse of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 reveal the work of Satan? What is Paul confronting in verse 3 that is critical for our understanding?

What do we know about the relationship between the Holy Spirit and Jesus? How does Jesus' own teaching in John 16:14 help us understand this?

How does Paul both describe the diversity and the unity of the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6? Where is our unity ultimately rooted, according to this passage? Why should we make much of this unity?

How does 1 Peter 4:7 help us understand that our spiritual gifts should be about more than our own good? How might this change the way we live as believers? How might this change how we think and act as we gather with believers each Lord's Day and throughout the week?