

spiritual body building

using spiritual
gifts

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key passages

Romans 12:3-8

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

1 Peter 4:7-11

Talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some key questions to start.

Read **1 Corinthians 12**

Here are some questions to start. Give the verse(s) for each one:

- Who gives the gifts?
- What are the gifts for?
- Who decides about who is given which gifts?
- Which gifts are more important?
- Which gifts are unnecessary?
- Why do you think we label some, and not other, gifts as “charismatic”?

The nature of the Spirit.

- What does this passage tell us about the Spirit?
- What does it mean to be led by the Spirit of God (**Romans 8:14**)? Mike said, “We confess Jesus to be Lord of our life, and yet we make all the decisions.”
- Is this true? How does this reduce God to a concept, a belief? What can we do about this?
- How can we practice “active listening”?
- Are we on a cruise ship or a battle ship? Do we want to be pampered or do we serve? Do we want to be looked after or are we on a mission?

The nature of the church

- What is the relationship between the individual and the Body of Christ or the Bride of Christ?
- How does Paul in **1 Corinthians 12:12-14** answer this?
- Why does much of the North American church focus on the individual?
- From this passage, what is the importance of spiritual gifts? What are these gifts given for?

Mike said, “The Spirit gives gifts to you, but the purpose is to give it away.” What gifts are you giving away for the common good?

- Why do we many not serve (not give the gifts away)?
- Why do we elevate some gifts above others (contrary to what the Bible says)?
- How are you using the gifts that God has given you, for the common good?