

spiritual body building

trusting
the voice

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key passages

1 Corinthians 1:7-8

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

1 Corinthians 13:8-12

2 Timothy 2:4

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 13:8-12**; **1 Corinthians 1:7-8**

- What is Paul talking about?
- Do you believe spiritual gifts have ceased or they continue? Why? How does this get lived out in your life?
- Mike said that “the fulfillment or completeness that Paul refers to is the second coming when Jesus will return and set up His kingdom.” Does this make sense to you?

Read **2 Timothy 2:4**

- Which are you on: cruise ship or battleship or hospital ship? How can others tell?

Read **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

- Why do you think we label some and not other gifts as “*charismatic*”?
- Why are (some/ many/ you) afraid of the more “*unusual*” gifts [the ones that don’t line up with personality traits or characteristics]?
- Why is ignoring or forbidding the use of gifts not an option?
- What context are spiritual gifts best used in: large group, smaller group (<40), one-on-one ministry? Why?
- What are words of knowledge, words of wisdom?
- What is the difference between the two?
- What does it mean to discern? What principles do you use to discern if something is of God or not?
- Why are words of knowledge and/or wisdom not always to be shared?
- When they are to be shared; how are we to do that?
- Spiritual gifts are “*given for the common good*” **v7**. What does this mean?
- How do you create space to hear from God? What are some practical things that you do?

Read

We are praying through the Gospel John during Lent, leading up to Easter. This coming week is John 2 – John 7.