

“Body Building”

1 Corinthians 12:12–31

18 February 2024

RECOLLECTION

1. What stood out to you as you listened to the sermon on Sunday morning? Was there anything said on which you require further clarity?

OBSERVATION

2. Why do you think Paul uses an analogy to teach about the nature and function of the gifts within the body? What points of comparison is he trying to make?

What other analogy might he have used?

3. What does v. 13 mean: that Jesus baptises us in the Spirit or that the Spirit baptises believers into the body of Christ?
4. How important or helpful is the distinction between the universal (invisible) and local church?
5. Is Paul’s emphasis in this passage on “discovering” our gifts? If not, what is his emphasis?
6. What understanding did the Corinthians lack such that Paul had to ask such rhetorical questions in vv. 29–31? What misunderstanding was he trying to correct?
7. What are the “higher gifts” that Paul refers to in v. 31? What does he mean?

APPLICATION

8. What body part could you do without if you had to choose, and why?

9. Why do we sometimes belittle our gifts?

Have you struggled to “live with” the gift that the Lord has given you?

What are the dangerous consequences of belittling our gifts?

Are we “stuck” with our gift for the rest of our lives?

10. How do we grow in our corporate identity? In other words, how can we move from thinking of ourselves primarily as an individual to thinking of ourselves as a part of something far greater?

11. Discuss the awareness of the Spirit as a church member that Paul described in vv. 25–26. Do you have a sense when another body part is hurting, going through hardship or even absent? How do you respond?

SUPPLICATION

12. Write down some prayer requests mentioned in your Group and pray for them throughout this week.

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