

## **I. BE INFORMED**

- Be informed about spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:1).
- Test “spiritual experiences” in light of Scripture (1 Cor. 12:2-3; Acts 17:11).

## **II. UNITY WITHIN DIVERSITY OF GIFTS**

- Different gifts come from the same Spirit (1 Cor. 12:4).
- The same gift can be used in different ways (1 Cor. 12:5).
- All gifts are empowered by the same God (1 Cor. 12:6).
- Every believer has a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:7).
- All gifts are important to the church (1 Cor. 12:7).
- Spiritual gifts are to be used for the common good (1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10).
- God is not giving new revelation today (Jude 1:3; Rev. 22:18).
- There are differing opinions concerning spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:8-10).

## **III. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

- God decides who gets what gifts (1 Cor. 12:11).
- There is no room for jealousy or envy concerning spiritual gifts.
- Rejoice in the Giver of gifts and not only the gifts (Luke 10:17-20).

**KNOW:** Every Christian needs to know what spiritual gifts God has given them.

**DO:** Use your spiritual gifts to serve God and people for God's glory.

**Suggested Reading:**

*Spiritual Gifts* by Thomas Schreiner

**Next Week's Text:** Mission's Emphasis

**Questions/Discovery Points for  
Life Groups/Families**

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

1. What is your spiritual gift(s)? How are you serving with your spiritual gift(s)?
2. How do we see unity within diversity concerning spiritual gifts?
3. What would we be saying about God if we are proud of, or jealous or envious about spiritual gifts?
4. What sins might be involved if we are not using our spiritual gifts?
5. What are biblical motivations for serving with our gifts? What are not?
6. What is your view of the gifts in verses 8-10 and why?
7. Is your focus on what the church can do for you or what you can do for the church? Do you complain or serve? (Matthew 20:28)
8. Do you rejoice more in your gifts or your relationship with Jesus? (Luke 10:17-20)