5-You & Church



1 Corinthians 12:4-31

- 1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
- 2. What are some spiritual gifts that you really wish you had? Do you get envious when you see others who have them? What gift do you feel guilty for not having (evangelism, tongues, teaching/preaching, taking great leaps of faith...)? Have you ever felt gift projection (where others make you feel guilty for not having their gift)?
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. Paul links the gifts, service, and work with the Spirit, Jesus and God. All different, all needed, and all on equal terms even though they are different. What does that mean to you and the gift, service, or work you have and do?
- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Have you ever felt like you weren't needed in the church body or had nothing special to offer (have you felt like a foot[©])? What does this passage say to you? Have you ever felt like you were good on your own without the other (lesser) parts of the body (I know you wouldn't admit it)? What does this passage say to that kind of person?
- 5. Have you ever thought about how indispensible you are to the body of Christ? If it were true, and Paul says it is, what does that mean for you moving forward?
- 6. In what ways have you hurt the body (the church) and yourself by not exercising your gifts in and through the church?
- 7. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31. What are your gifts, or service or work, that you can do through the church to join what God is doing in the world? When will you start?
- 8. Pray for each other.

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