

Unity through Variety

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Big idea: God brings unity to the church through the GIFT of various abilities.

Connecting

What is your cellphone wallpaper?

Observation

What solutions does the world give us for bringing unity to our divided land? Does it offer any?



Understanding

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. Recall the situation going on in Corinth. What is the significance of this word, “gift”? What does a “gift” call for us to do?

How did Pastor Roger explain the Trinity? (three truths) How do you see the Trinity in this passage? What would you say to a Christian who wanted to “shave off” this part of God?

Is the truth that God is Trinity important? How so? How would God’s Fatherhood change if there were no Trinity? How would the truth that “God is love” be transformed?

Read Ephesians 4:7-13; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:7-11. Which gifts on each list do you have questions about? We mentioned music and craftsmanship (Exodus 36:1). What other gifts do you think might be on God’s list?

How do you use the teaching from today to show someone not a part of a church that they need to be? What would you say?

Living

Read 1 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Peter 5:5. Why is it important to fight pride in your life? How do you do it?

What is the ultimate application if you have been given a spiritual gift “for the common good”? Are you making this application? How?

You may want to take the spiritual questionnaire as a life group. How can you see yourself using the gifts God has given you?

Looking Ahead: Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. What applications do you see from the rest of the chapter?

Prayer together: