



WE NEED EACH OTHER

ROMANS 12:3-8 * JULY 30, 2023

UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF

1 SAMUEL 17:16-51

- ① Giftedness must start with _____. v. 3
- Humility is not a _____ of self, but an _____ and _____ one.
 - Our gifts don't make us _____ than anyone else, just different... _____ yourself!
 - Our most _____ gifts usually prove to be our greatest _____.
 - Giftedness does not equal spiritual _____.
- ② We need to remember _____ we belong — our _____. v. 4-6a
- The human body is used to illustrate the _____ and _____ of the body.
 - Equality is not _____; diversity of gifts is not _____.
 - Our gifts are to be used for the benefit of the _____, not for ourselves.

- ✓ Unity: Our life is _____ from the same Source; we cannot exist _____ the body!
- ✓ Diversity: God loves _____!
- ✓ Mutuality: We _____ each other!

③ In broad terms, spiritual gifts break into four _____ categories: v. 6b-8

- ① _____ gifts (prophecy, teaching, exhortation, evangelism, pastor-teacher).
- ② _____ gifts (ruling, administration, discernment).
- ③ _____ gifts (giving, mercy, helps, hospitality).
- ④ _____ gifts (miracles, healing, tongues and their interpretation, faith, apostle, prophet, word of wisdom/knowledge, distinguishing of spirits).

(1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11, 27-30; EPHESIANS 2:19-20, 4:11; HEBREWS 2:3b-4; 1 PETER 4:9-11)

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Even though most people in the church have heard of spiritual gifts, many are unaware of their gifting(s). Why do you think that is?
2. Read Romans 12:3-8. How does understanding God's love raise our self-esteem? How does understanding God's love reduce our selfishness and conceit? How should we act toward each other?
3. How might these verses change the way you think of yourself? How might they change the way you view your church? How might they change your view of the role you should be playing in your church?
4. Paul lists examples of gifts that may be found among Christians in any given church. It's not exhaustive; it is meant to teach principles about how we should use any gift. What are these principles?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Because our society seems to be so individualistic, the idea of working together or being one body in Christ can feel somewhat foreign. What guidance does this passage give on being a united body of Christ? What could happen if someone isn't playing their part?
6. If you don't know your giftings, what friend, group leader, family member, pastor etc. could help you discover what your gifts are?