

Small Church Network Spring 2022 Gathering

Bible Study

In your group, read the passage three (3) times. Before each reading, read the accompanying question below. After each reading, share with the group your answer to the question.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

New Revised Standard Version

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Questions:

1st reading: What word, phrase, or image draws your attention in this passage? Share your answer with your group.

2nd reading: What does this passage teach you about your gifts and the gifts of your church community? Share your answer with your group.

3rd reading: What is God inviting you to do, be, or change through this passage? Share your answer with your group.

As a whole group: Is there a theme that connects the reflections on this passage by the members of your group?

Finish the bible study by saying together the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.