



spiritual infant

DISCIPLE ME

THE ONE ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART 2: UNITY IN THE BODY

ICEBREAKER: IF I COULD TRADE

To get started, read the following prompts, and have each person share their answer with the group.

- **If I could trade** my **car** for any other vehicle, I'd choose _____ because _____.
- **If I could trade places** with someone for a day, I'd pick _____ because _____.
- **If I could trade one chore or responsibility** in my life with someone else, it would be _____.
- **If I could trade a fear or weakness** for courage or confidence in one area, I'd choose _____.
- **If I could trade for one talent, ability, or gift** that *someone in this group* has, I'd trade for _____ because _____.

READ & DISCUSS: MANY PARTS, ONE BODY

Last time, we talked about how God gives each believer unique gifts through the same Spirit. As the Apostle Paul continues to write about the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, he describes them by comparing the church to a human body. It's a powerful picture: *many different parts, one united body*.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

- Why do you think Paul chose the body as a picture of the church?
- How does it change your perspective to realize that the same Spirit who lives in you also lives in every believer around the world?
- When have you most felt part of something bigger than yourself in your faith journey?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-20

- Why do you think some people (or parts) feel like they "don't belong"?
- How could things change if everyone fully embraced their part?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-27

- What can happen when pride or comparison creeps into the body of Christ?
- Why do you think in many churches a small percentage of people seem to carry most of the responsibility? Do you think this is the way God designed the body based on what you just read?
- If you are part of the body of Christ, what does this passage have to say about your identity?

READ: THE GIFTS

The Bible talks about specific spiritual gifts in several passages - **Romans 12:6–8**, **1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 27–31**, **Ephesians 4:11–12**, and **1 Peter 4:10–11**. Each list looks a little different, but they all remind us that these gifts come from the same Spirit and are meant to build up the body of Christ. When we look at them together, we can group the gifts into three main areas:

- 1. Speaking gifts** like teaching, encouragement, prophecy, wisdom, and knowledge that share God's truth.
- 2. Serving gifts** like helping, giving, leadership, mercy, administration, and hospitality that meet needs and strengthen others.
- 3. Sign gifts** like faith, healing, miracles, tongues, and interpretation that display God's power and point people to Him.

Every gift matters, and all of them work together in unity. God wants to use your strengths to fill in for someone else's weakness. And He wants to bless you through someone else's gift. Different parts of the same body, with gifts given to each of us by the same Spirit.

CHALLENGE: FAITH IN ACTION

Every gift - big or small - was designed to build others up. Whether you're wired to help, encourage, teach, lead, or give, your gift becomes powerful when you actually use it. When every part of the body steps in, the whole church grows stronger.

For this week's challenge, have your discipleship group look back at your spiritual gifts results from last week. Together, brainstorm three practical ways each person could use their gift to serve others and strengthen the body of Christ. **Challenge Bonus:** If you put your gift into action, text the group and share what happened. Let's celebrate how God is using your gifts to build His Kingdom!