

# The Gathering

1 Cor 12:1-13

Week of November 12, 2023

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## BELONG

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**Ask this Ice Breaker Question:** Is there any club or business in Orlando to which you have a membership? Would you recommend this club or business to others? Why or why not?

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## BELIEVE

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**Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13**

**Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:**

**1. If you took the spiritual gifts inventory/test last week - have you changed any of your answers for this week upon further reflection? Have you considered other ways you may be using your gifts to serve the local church?**

Leader Context: Gifts might include the following:

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| 1. Administration   | 10. Hospitality         |
| 2. Being an apostle | 11. Knowledge           |
| 3. Discernment      | 12. Leadership          |
| 4. Evangelism       | 13. Mercy               |
| 5. Exhortation      | 14. Prophecy            |
| 6. Faith            | 15. Serving             |
| 7. Giving           | 16. Speaking in tongues |
| 8. Healing          | 17. Teaching            |
| 9. Helps            | 18. Wisdom              |

**2. Paul sees a difference between natural gifts and spiritual gifts. Have you seen any distinction in your own life between your natural gifts and your spiritual gifts?**

Leader Context:

- Paul makes several distinctions in this section. One is between spiritual people and those who worship idols. Those who do not worship God (Those who worship idols) may have natural gifts.

- *Spiritual gifts are those that come from the Spirit and are rooted in unity in Christ.*

**3. We tend to think about gifts as part of our personality makeup. Paul thinks about gifts as being rooted in the Spirit. Why do you think that Paul makes such a strong emphasis?**

Leader Context:

- *This is likely a corrective measure.*
- *For Paul, gifts are not something that is part of our personality inventory. For Paul, gifts are something to worship God with. They are something God gives to us. They are something that unites the body of Christ.*

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**BECOME:**

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**4. Groups Challenge: What are some upcoming ways that your group can use their gifts to serve our church body during the Christmas Season?**

- a. The Christmas Festival: December 16-17
- b. Men's Ministry Fire Night: December 10
- c. Serving on Christmas Eve