

# The Gathering

1 Cor 12:4-6

Week of November 5, 2023

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## **BELONG**

**Ask this Ice Breaker Question:** If you were a super hero in a Marvel or DC movie, what would your super ability be and why?

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## **BELIEVE**

**Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

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

**1. Have you taken a spiritual gifts inventory/test before? If so, what spiritual gifts do you think that you regularly use to serve the 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 mentions both a variety of gifts, but also a variety of service. What do you think he means by a variety of service?**

Leader Context:

- Paul's emphasis is not only on our giftings. It is not as if we are to look around and compare our giftedness.
- Paul's emphasis is on putting those gifts into service. There are a multitude of ways to serve the body.
- As with the concept of "belief," Paul is more interested in what you do with what you know, than whether or not you know it in the first place.

- 3. Paul repeats the term “varieties” as a way to provide the church with the freedom to apply their gifts generously. There are many ways to use your gifts. What traditional ways are you attempting to use your gifts? What non-traditional ways might God want you step into in order to use your gifts?**

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**BECOME:**

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- 4. Challenge: If you had a billion dollars in your bank account and only one caveat: you have to serve the church in a unique manner using your gifts and abilities - how would you use these gifts? And what type of people would you try to reach with the Gospel?**