

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 2-12-2023

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What skills/talents have you struggled to master?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: **1 Corinthians 12 "Gifts"** - **Have you gone online to take your Spiritual Gifts survey yet? If not, scan the QR Code. 80 Questions take about 10 min. to complete.*



Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 as a group.

1. What are the three "different kinds" mentioned in vrs. 4-6? This refers to what is differently distributed to different people. Is there a "big idea" you can discuss that Paul is speaking about with these verses?
2. In vs 4, consider the words "but the same Spirit." What does that tell us about these gifts? How has the Spirit produced these in your experience?
3. In vs 5 the word "service" in Greek, often refers to those who do the commands of others. How do we know who God is commanding us individually to minister to? Have you found your gift path?(take the survey)
4. In relation to ministering, again vs 5 uses the same word "different." This talks about the variety of people who you will minister to as opposed to who others will minister to. Can some of you identify how you knew who to minister to or serve?
5. In vs 6, "kinds" relates to the workings(effects) we will have. Can you speak to the surprising results of your ministry? Sometimes, nothing seems to happen, other times we see the miraculous. What is your experience?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?