

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Homework prior to group: Take the spiritual gift test found at www.bethel-church.org/unleashed under Week 1 - Small Group Resources
2. Read 1 Cor. 12:1-11 and answer the following:
 - a. Why does God give Christians spiritual gifts?
 - b. What are the spiritual gifts mentioned in this passage?
 - c. What is the Spirit's role in the use of spiritual gifts?
 - d. What do you think happens when we do not use our spiritual gifts?
3. Share your spiritual gift test results with the group and discuss what each gift means.
4. How could you use your gift(s) in ministry at Bethel? In the community?
5. If you are serving, does it line up with your giftedness well? If not, what could you do differently?
6. Take time to pray for one another and the church as we discover, use and are unleashed to use our gifts to glorify God.

UNLEASHED: YOUR NEW NATURE

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Introduction – Corinth

We probably all have an opinion about spiritual gifts. But, I am interested in what Paul is trying to communicate to the church today. And we need to get this right, if we are going to be UNLEASHED to further the Kingdom!

1. God wants us to understand the **nature of the gifts**. vs 1-3
 - A. God does not want **division or confusion** over spiritual gifts. vs 1
 - B. Spiritual gifts are the **work of the Trinity**. vs 4-6

This brings us to important questions---that ultimately drive us towards a healthy understanding of the gifts.

2. **Who** are the gifted? vs 7

7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
3. Spiritual gifts point us to the **Spirit**. vs 7b

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4. So, what is the **purpose** of the gifts within the church? vs 7

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 - A. Given because gifts become a **demonstration of God's grace**.
 - B. Gifts form us into **community**.
5. The picture of a gifted community is **beautiful and diverse**. vs 8-10

8To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.
6. God **determines our gifts**, dispensed by His Spirit and used by us. vs 11

11All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

CONCLUSION

If we as the church are to grow and reach the vision God has for us, we must do two things:

1. Each of us must discover our giftedness.
2. Find a place to exercise those gifts..