

Sermon Discussion Guide: A Community of Disciples, Scripture: I Corinthians 12:42-47

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1. Origins

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”

What is the common theme in all of the different gifts?

What do the words gifts, service and working tell us?

2. Use

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

What picture do you see when you concentrate on given in this section?

Who is to benefit from the gifts?

3. The Parts

“To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom...knowledge...faith...healing...miraculous powers...prophecy...distinguishing spirits...speaking... interpretation.”

How do the gifts work together?

Why do you think they are not all wrapped into one?

4. Activity

“All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

Who chooses the gifts?

What idea does being a work of the Spirit communicate?