

5 Functions – Pentecost – Spiritual Gifts

This week we pull the many strands of the church's life together and reveal the hope and promise of the beautiful multi-colored, well stitched tapestry we call the church. Knotted and unkempt on the backside that reveals a beautiful portrait that, for now, only God can see.

Read Romans 12:1-8, Ephesians 4:1-13 and 1 Corinthians 12

What do you find that is the same in these passages and what is different?

Make a quick list of the gifts named in each passage. Are there any named in all three?

How do you see, or not see these gifts manifest in the lives of members of FRC?

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul likens the Gifts of the Spirit to the parts of the human body. Spend some time talking about that analogy. How is it true?

What is the danger of honoring one part of our physical body and neglecting another?

Paul describes the interdependence of the human body, each part needs the others. How do you see this being true in relationship to the church, the body of Christ?

In Romans 12 Paul writes that we should be of sober judgement and approach our giftedness with humility. How does pride work against the church when one gift is lifted up over another?

Paul links the gifts with the unity of the church. How does our giftedness and mutual dependence create that unity and sense of oneness?

Again, in Romans 12, Paul lists these gifts: Prophecy, Teaching, Exhortation, Serving, Mercy, Giving and Administration. Dr. Peter Wagner called these the functional gifts emphasizing that a thriving church will see these, not equally, but proportionally. How do you see these particular gifts lived out in FRC?

Have you considered taking a Spiritual Gifts inventory! You can access one for free on the Ministry Tools Website using the web address or the QR Code below. If you have done the inventory, please share the results with the group? Affirm each other in the gifts you see exhibited in each other's lives.

<https://mintools.com/spiritual-gifts-test.htm>



Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to pour out gifts on the church. Pray that FRC will be blessed by the interdependence of gifts that result in unity.