

Questions:

1. Do you ever feel insecure or inadequate when you see the talents, abilities or spiritual gifts of other people? (A spiritual gift is an ability God gives us to serve within the church—the body of Christ). Why do you think you feel this way?
2. What happens when we focus on the abilities of other people instead of our own?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. Why is “a body” a good illustration of “the church?” Can you think of how specific parts of our physical body relate to the body of Christ (for example, hands may represent the spiritual gift of “serving”)?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-19. Why is every part of the body (of Christ) important? What happens if a part is missing?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:20-25. Do you think we honor the different parts of the body of Christ equally? What can we do to make sure each part is honored properly?
6. Do you know what your spiritual gift is (lists are found in Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-10; Ephesians 4:11-13 and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Also, there is a spiritual gifts “test” on the CRC website.). What other talents and abilities do you have? How might these be used to strengthen the body of Christ?
7. Looking around the room, are there any abilities, talents or spiritual gifts that you can affirm in the lives of the others?
8. How might you apply tonight’s lesson to your life?