



LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

Wednesday 28 May 2014

TITLE: DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT

TEXT: Romans 12:3-6

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

INTRODUCTION

This week we preempt our forthcoming Pentecostal Revivals by studying a passage that has powerful insights on how the Church should function through her members' spiritual gifts. Let's go on this adventure together, shall we?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. According to v3, how should every Christian think of himself or herself? Hint: two things characterize how we should think.
2. What TWO things are true about members of the body of Christ according to v4?
3. Discuss the wisdom of thinking of the church as a body. What makes the body healthy, coordinated and effective? How does this help our understanding of how the church should function?
4. Why is it important to understand the church as the body of Christ? What role does Christ play in the church? What part of the human anatomy resembles Christ's role in the church?
5. What does v5 mean? Is there room for pride or conflict in our gifts? Why?
6. What determines the diversity of the gifts we all have (v6a)? What should we do with our gifts? Is that what you are doing with yours? What can stop us?
7. How many gifts are mentioned in vv6-8? List and define each of them.
8. Which of these eight gifts is yours? How should you function in each respective gift?