

Week beginning 15th May 2016

Life Groups at

1 Corinthians

Many members, one body


St Barnabas

Welcome



Most groups will not have met for quite a while. Catch up on what you've been up to since Christmas. What has God been doing at Spring Harvest, on the Shape or Freedom in Christ courses, over Easter, during the prayer week etc.?

15 mins 15/05

Worship



Read Romans 8:12-17 and thank God for the gift of his Holy Spirit.
Sing some songs.

20 mins 15/05

Word



Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-20

What particular problem in the Corinthian church may have led Paul to offer the 'test' in verse 3?

What clue does Paul's test give us about the ultimate goal of spiritual gifts?

What do verses 4-6 reveal about the unity and diversity of spiritual gifts?

It seems that some in the Corinthian church thought that some spiritual gifts were better than others. Have you ever thought this or encountered that attitude among other Christians?

Who has been given spiritual gifts? For what purpose are they given?

Paul calls each gift a 'manifestation of the Spirit' (v7). In what ways does the Spirit manifest himself in the church and why?

How is verse 12 a good illustration of verse 13?

How connected are you to your church body? What could you do to help 'the body' function better?

45 mins 15/05

Witness



Think about how you use the gifts you have been given within the church. What holds you back from using them more fully? Affirm each other in the gifts you have been given and pray for each other, that we may use our gifts to build up the church.

Perhaps consider doing the next Shape course to think more about how to use your gifts.

10 mins 15/05