

How Do I Fit?

The Gifts of Miracles – I Corinthians 12

Discussion Points

May 19, 2019

Read & Reflect

Read I Corinthians 12:1-11, and 12:27-31. Is Paul intent on simply teaching about the various spiritual gifts, or is there a different point to his writing (e.g. see verse 7 and verse 31).

Explore

1. When we talk about spiritual gifts of miracles we mostly speak of the gifts of faith (9a), healing (9b), and miraculous deeds (10a). Discuss what each of them might mean.
2. Have you ever witnessed the exercise of any of the above gifts? How important is it to take notice of the work of the third person of the Trinity? Do these gifts help or hinder that?
3. If only some people have the gift of faith, how do you account for the teaching that we are all saved through faith? How might your explanation be applied to any of the other gifts as well?
4. When we talk of the gift of healing how might we be short-sighted as to what that means?
5. Without trying to solve the argument itself, why do you think these gifts of miracles can be so controversial?
 - Because they are susceptible to human pride
 - Because the power of these gifts are attractive
 - Because they don't fit neatly in any theological system
 - Because we don't (can't) fully understand them
 - Other: _____

Pray: that we may be eager to see the Holy Spirit at work, whether in miraculous or mundane ways, that in the church the controversial aspects will not overtake the mission and advance of God's kingdom, that each person will seek the greater gifts as we love God, love neighbour – and even our enemy.

Reminder: workshop on June 2 (5:00 – 7:30 PM) to explore spiritual gifts and serving in the body of Christ; make it a life group event.

