

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Art of Serving

Serving with Confidence – 1 Corinthians 12:1-7

Discussion Points

May 23, 2021

Read/Reflect

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-7. What's Paul's main point in this passage? What additional thoughts in these seven verses does he include to support that main point?

Explore

2. Honest assessment: How do you see serving now? Something to do once in awhile or something that is a main part of my life?
3. From 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, why do you think the writer is emphasising "different" or "diverse" so frequently? Do you think a church that focuses on all the spiritual gifts in service is stronger or weaker than a church that uses a few of the gifts well? On what basis do you make your decision?
4. Reflect on Laura VanderWel's *Diversity in Gifts* painting. What do you like about the painting that reflects 1 Corinthians 12:1-7?
5. What are spiritual gifts for? What is their purpose? (vs 7)
6. What ways can you think of that someone can serve? (vs 5)
7. In what ways have you seen God work? (vs 6)

Pray

Lord Jesus, we thank-you that you poured out your Spirit on Pentecost so the church could serve with Your power. Show us where to serve you – we long to see you work and bring more "good" into the world. In Jesus name, Amen.




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