



Because I'm in Christ, I can serve others with my gift.



Key truths:

1. In Christ, the Christian receives the Holy Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to each Christian.

3. Gifts are given to unite the church through mutual service.



Discussion Starters:

1. Paul says we should “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” What can we do to keep the unity within our church family?

For Youth: Re-read verses 4-6. How can these verses be a challenge at times of division?

How can they be an encouragement in times of doubt and struggle?

2. It may seem like leaders in the church are spiritual “superstars” or have a special connection to God because of their gifts. But gifts are not given to people to make them look good. What are the true purposes of the gifts (v.12-13)?

For Youth: Re-read verses 11-12. What is the role of shepherds and teachers in the church according to this? Who is it talking about when it says ‘the saints’?

3. If every Christian has a gift, and gifts are given to unite the church, we all have a responsibility to it. Talk about the gifts and how they can contribute to the unity of the church. (See other lists of gifts in Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 27-31; and 1 Peter 4:10-11)

For Youth: What works of ministry are you currently involved in to build up the body? What areas do you feel you could contribute more? What steps could you take to start doing this?

4. Paul urges us to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,” (Ephesians 4:1). What is this calling? (Look back to Ephesians 1:4-5). How can you live in a way that honors what God wants for you? (Paul gives us an idea in Ephesians 4:2-3!) Have you been living like this recently? (if not, confess, he is faithful to forgive, and ask him for power to live differently).

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 5:1-2

