

Going Deeper...New Life Church Small Group Message Reflection

Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

“Finding your ‘Labor of Love!’” (Part 3)

Getting Started:

1. What is one skill you secretly possess?

Going Deeper:

1. Describe yourself as a ‘part’ of the body of Christ (an eye, hand, etc.). Why did you select that part?
2. Why is verse 12 such a good illustration of verse 13?
3. Read verse 26. How good are you at hurting with a fellow believer who is suffering and rejoicing with a fellow believer who is honored? Which comes easier to you?
4. How connected are you to your church body? What could you do to help “the body” function better?
5. How do you (or could you) use your gifts and abilities within the church? What holds you back from using your gifts more fully?

Applications:

1. Regardless of your church’s doctrinal position, what attitudes toward spiritual gifts dominate: (a) For pastors only? (b) For all believers? (c) For the good of others? (d) For the first-century church only? (e) For believers who have a post-conversion experience? (f) More spiritual gifts for the more spiritually mature?
2. How do these verses make you feel about your place in the body of Christ? About your need for others?
3. Take turns affirming each person in the group with which spiritual gifts and Christlike qualities you have noticed in them.