

1ST CORINTHIANS

PART FOUR: GOSPEL POWER

Part 4, Week 1: How the Church Works

When Paul is searching for a way to describe how the church functions, he brilliantly compares it to a body. No part of the body is the same, but every part is important. This is how God has designed the church. Every believer has been given a gift to be used to serve the church and to build up the body of believers. Spiritual gifts help build love and unity in the church as each person leverages their gift for the good of one another. So in order for the church to accomplish its ultimate mission of making disciples, it takes each person doing their part.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12.
2. Do you find Paul's analogy of the body helpful in understanding the nature of the church? Explain. How have you seen this analogy play out in your own church experience?
3. Why do you think God designed the church to function in this way? What does that say about Him? What does that say about us?
4. Share a time when you directly benefited from someone who used their spiritual gift to serve you in some way. What was their gift and how did it bless you?
5. Every believer has been given at least one spiritual gift (vs. 7). If you know what yours is, share it with the group. How did you discover that this was your gift and how have you used it in the church?
6. If this is how God has designed the church to function, what keeps people from using their gift(s) and what's at risk when they don't (see Eph. 4:16)?
7. What is your biggest takeaway from this section? If you're not currently on a serving team, go to cpcc.church/serve to see all of the opportunities to engage in the life and ministry of Center Pointe. We need you to complete our body!