

## Discussion Questions

# LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Body of Christ



1. From what you know of the human body, can you think of one type of connection that is helpful for thinking about our connection as Christians? (Or any fun facts, even?!)
2. How do verses 12-13 help us to think about our unity...and our diversity?
3. What does it mean for Christians to be mutually dependent? Verses 25-26 give insight.
4. Read verses 15-24. How is the whole body affected by those who either deflate or inflate their place in the body, or the value of their spiritual gifts? Do you have a tendency to lean towards one end of this spectrum in terms of how you see yourself in the Body of Christ? How does this passage speak to you about that?
5. In verses 28-31, Paul lists some spiritual gifts. Which of these gifts (or others not listed here) have you seen in your life? Paul also says that we should desire the greater gifts. What do you desire for your spiritual gifts?
6. Viv quoted Andrew Francis who said:

“It is surely a fact of inexhaustible significance that what our Lord left behind Him was not a book, nor a creed, nor a system of thought, nor a rule of life, but a visible community. He committed the entire work of salvation to that community.”

How does this encourage (or challenge) us in our connectedness to each other, and our understanding of God’s reasons for giving gifts to His people?