

Sermon Notes

- 1. God has given you spiritual gifts to _____ Him. 12-17**

- 2. God has _____ you in this church to use your gifts. 18-21**

- 3. God will _____ our gifts together to accomplish His will. 22-27**

Journey Group Questions

1. Read 1 Cor. 12:12-30. As a body, the members of a particular church function as a cohesive whole. Each member possesses individual value and distinct roles, but everyone together contributes to the overall health and effectiveness of the body under the authority and headship of Christ. The whole is greater than the sum of the parts, yet the consistent and effective contribution of each part is critical.
 - a. Since the universal church is made up of all believers in all geographic locations and at all times (past, present, future), it is impossible to be a fully functioning member of the universal church, as described in this text. How does this reality help us to see the value of connecting with a local church like Cornerstone?

 - b. How does this text help us to understand the importance of membership with regard to the body of Christ?

 - c. Why do people often find it easy to join other organizations (civic, athletic, etc.), but they find it difficult to join the local church? How do we overcome these struggles?

2. At the core of our sin nature is a resistance to authority structures (government, employers, parents, teachers, etc.). How does this resistance to authority manifest itself when it comes to membership and participation in the local church?

3. How does your unique design (temperament, passions, life experiences, skills, spiritual gifts, etc.) contribute to the overall health and mission of Cornerstone as a local church and how can you continue to grow in your particular ministry at Cornerstone?