

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2: 1-11

2On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John questions

- What are you hearing in this text?
- Have you ever been called to do something before you were ready?
 - What was it? How did it go?
- Why was running out of wine at the wedding reception in the first century such a big issue?
- How much water did the servants draw from the well at Jesus' command?
 - Was this enough for the party? Also, what kind of wine was it?
 - What might that say about our God's provision for us?
- What does it tell you that Jesus wasn't ready yet?
 - How did his mother respond?
- What would have happened if Jesus didn't go and do it?
- Why do you think Mary responded in the way she did?
- What did Jesus' response do for the young family?
- The disciples saw the glory of Jesus and believed in him (v.11). In what ways do we see Jesus at work today that renews, sustains, or gives us faith?
- The first sign of Jesus was performed at a party. Jesus was socially engaged in celebratory events in the lives of others. What does this tell us about how God engages with us?

1 Corinthians Questions

- What sticks out to you in this?
- Which of the spiritual gifts read resonate with you? Why?
- How are the gifts we get for Christmas and our birthdays different from the gifts listed off?
- In what ways do we forget that the things we do for the church and our neighbor are not spiritual things to be owned and praised, but that gifts which are entrusted to us?
 - How do we determine what is a true spiritual gift and what is not?
- How do we see these gifts lived out at Shepherd? In the community?
- Is it easier to recognize the gifts we have in ourselves or others?
 - How do you use your gifts?
- How well do we talk about the gifts of the spirit?
- What happens when we don't share the gifts we've been given?
- What happens if we don't use them?
 - How do we hone them?