

## (CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER continued)

**Mosaic:** A mosaic is broadly defined as a single piece of art composed of small pieces, usually glass or stone tiles.

Set aside ten minutes and have each member draw a mosaic in their journals. It would be helpful to have multiple colors available for your group. Each mosaic should be a reflection of your Christmas and New Year's season. Choose one or more of the questions from the list below and share with your group.

- What image did you draw and why?
- How do you see the church as a mosaic?
- What color did you use most and why?
- What memory of Christmas stands out to you most vividly?

**CONNECT WITH SCRIPTURE** (Read the passages and review the sermon outline. Then select the best questions or customize the questions for your group):

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:1–11
- Read the main points from the sermon outline.
- What topic in the sermon and scripture stood out to you?
- Based on verse 1, what is Paul's concern for the church?
- Paul reminds the church of their former worship of mute idols and then contrasts it with life in the Spirit. How does idol worship differ from life in the Spirit?
- Why would God give different gifts for a common good?
- Verses 8-10 give some examples of spiritual gifts. Which ones are you most curious about or drawn to?

**CONNECT WITH GOD'S MISSION IN THE WORLD** (select one question for discussion)

- How have you experienced spiritual gifts manifested to serve God's mission in the world?
- Spiritual gifts go beyond our own talents and abilities and rely on God's grace and power. Where do you see a need for God's grace and power in the world right now?
- Spiritual gifts come from a common source and serve a common purpose. How can we, as the church, be unified in power and service for God's Kingdom.

## PRAYER

End your time in prayer writing down any prayer requests in your journal. Take a moment to note any prayer requests that God has answered from previous weeks. This is a great opportunity to remind the group of the Lord's provision.

## MESSAGE OUTLINE

January 16, 2022  
Pastor Mike McClenahan



### *Mosaic: Being the Body of Christ Gifted*

#### 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (NIV)

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

**MOSAIC** a picture or pattern produced by arranging together small colored pieces of hard material, such as stone, tile, or glass.

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## MESSAGE OUTLINE POINTS

Every person...

1. **Who professes "Jesus is Lord" is filled with the Holy Spirit.**  
*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.*  
  
...if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. **Romans 8:9 (NIV)**
2. **Who is filled with the Holy Spirit is given diverse spiritual gifts.**  
*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.*  
  
We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. **Romans 12:6 (NIV)**
3. **Who has diverse spiritual gifts contributes to a bigger picture of God's glory.**  
*Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

**Therefore,**

- Know your S.H.A.P.E. — spiritual gifts, heartfelt passion, abilities, personality and experiences.
- Use your gifts with wisdom and humility.
- Encourage others to know and use their gifts in the body for God's kingdom.

**NOTES:**

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS—January 16, 2022**

*Mosaic: Being the Body of Christ  
Gifted*

**CONNECT WITH GOD** (choose one of these practices that best suits your group or use a practice from a previous week)

**Being with God:** Mark Thibodeaux, an expert in Ignatian Spirituality, has divided prayer into four stages. The most elementary prayers are talking at God, where we say grace at dinner, ask for help, and make statements of thanksgiving. Eventually, we begin talking to God, using our own creative and imaginative language. Next, we stop talking and our prayer becomes listening to God with intent and expectation that the Holy Spirit will speak to our hearts. Finally, prayer can become being with God. At this point, all transactional prayer language ceases, and we simply recognize and enjoy God being with us without the anxiety of saying the right thing, thinking the right thing, or hearing the right thing.

For the next three minutes, simply be with God. Don't ask for anything or listen for anything, just acknowledge God's presence in the quiet, in the loud, in the awkward, and in the uncomfortable. After the time is up, discuss your experience together.

**One Minute:** Set a timer for one minute. Sit in silence, letting go of the anxieties of the day, the worries of tomorrow, and the urgency of the present. Allow the anxious thoughts to drift away and focus your heart on Jesus Christ.

**Breath Prayer:** This ancient form of prayer is a reminder of the nearness of God in everyday life and his provision—even in each breath we take. As we breathe in, we pray in our mind and heart, Lord Jesus Christ... and as we exhale, pray, have mercy on me. Do this in silence, together at your own pace, until everyone has prayed/breathed this ten times.

**CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER**

**Journaling:** Many spiritual practices this year will require a journal. If you are a small group leader be prepared with paper and pen for those who are without. Please remember that there is no right way to journal. Journals can be intermittent, upside down, written, drawn, or doodled. They are a way to capture what God is doing in you over time. Journaling with your small group will include a prompt; however, in your time alone with God, allow the Spirit to be your leader.

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