

For Others

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations. Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series this spring is Gifts of the Spirit. Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- Read **Romans 12:3-11**. What stands out in this text?
- Paul says we should not think of ourselves more highly than we ought. How can someone distinguish between healthy confidence in their gifts and sinful pride?
- Romans 12 presents spiritual gifts as being given by God. To what extent should Christians develop their gifts, and to what extent should they simply discover what God has already given them?
- What does it mean to prophesy? Why does Paul add the qualifier, “prophesy *in accordance with your faith*” (emphasis added)?
- How might this gift be practiced in the church? What are the dangers?
- Paul emphasizes sincere love and honoring others above ourselves (vs. 9-11). At what point does putting others first become unhealthy or enable dysfunction? How do we balance self-sacrifice with wise boundaries?
- Read **Romans 12:1-2**. How does this text inform Paul’s instruction on spiritual gifts?
- Imagine a church that lived out these instructions (vs. 1-11). What would be most attractive about this kind of community? What aspects might make people uncomfortable or challenge modern cultural values?