



Week 9 | Church in the City | October 15

Opening Up:

What book, movie, or song has emotionally moved you in the past year?

In the recent past what is a beautiful thing you have seen, smelled, heard, or tasted?

Name recent God honoring experience that the group could praise God for?

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12-13

Discuss:

1. In 12:3 we read that no one can confess that “Jesus is Lord” separate from the Spirit’s moving. How has the Spirit moved you to confess Jesus’ reign and rule in your life? In other words, how have you been moved to surrender control to Jesus?
2. A follower of Jesus submits the way to Jesus in every area of life with increasing measure. What areas of your life are the hardest to submit to Jesus?
3. In 12:12 we read that Christians are individually Christ’s body in the world. What makes working together as one body difficult in the church?
4. What would you like to see Christ’s body do in the community?
5. In 12:4-7 we see that the Holy Spirit gifts his church for the “common good.” What gift do you believe God has given you for the common good of the church?
6. Your mission may lie at the intersection of the community’s pain and your passion. What is that intersection for you?
7. Some of the most powerful statements in our lives are the “I see in you” statements. Perhaps you have insight into the gifts of someone else in the group. Take a minute as a group and tell one another what you see. Statements can begin with, “I see in you...”
8. If we are to be the body of Christ, that means we are to manifest Christ to the world. One way to help narrow down your particular gifting is to look at the offices of Jesus as different areas of gifting. Look at the following three offices of Jesus as gifting genres, which do you identify with most? (there is likely a mixture of them, but one might stick out more than the others.)

Prophetic - Word Centered

Priestly - People Centered

Kingly - Leadership Centered

9. In 14:1, we see that the pursuit of love may open you to a desire to be gifted for the common good of the church. What do you love about Christ’s church?
10. Why is it sometimes hard to love the church? How does 13:4-7 help you to better understand how you should love the church?
11. Pray