

Gospel Gifts Romans - 12:3-8

Note: you'll need to print out copies of the passage on page 2 for your group.

Pray for our mission partners and your time time in the word

Notice

1. Read 12:1-2
Can someone remind us of what we saw last week about the context of this part of Romans?
2. Read 12:3-8
On your own, use the printout and mark...
 - a. Anything that stands out to you
 - b. key words or connections you notice
 - c. any questions you have

Share them with your **neighbour**.

prompts if needed:

Clarify

Re-read verses 3-5.

3. What connections do you see with verses 1-2?
4. What point do you think is being made here?

Re-read verses 6-7

5. What stands out to you about this list of gifts and instructions?

prompts if needed:

3. Eg. (*notice the connection between "thinking" and "mind" in v2.*)

4.

- What might Paul mean by "in accordance with the faith" (3b)? (How does the context help? v1)
- What attitudes or behaviours might Paul be responding to or anticipating with these words?
- What difference would it make for Christians to think of themselves as one body?

5.

- What kinds of activities and attitudes would you expect to see in church?
- Note: for questions on particular gifts and what is being referred to
 - Prophecy - see 1 Cor 14:1-5, 26-33
 - FYI other gifts lists in the NT: 1 Cor 12:27-28; Eph 4:11-13 but these may be distracting given the amount of context around them.

Respond

6. What change do these verses call for in your life?
7. What might it look like to put it into practice?

THINK, PAIR, SHARE.

prompts if needed

- When are you most prone to think of yourself "more highly than you ought"? What might it look like to think instead with "sober judgement"? (v3)
- What might it look like for you to think of yourself as "belonging" to the body at EV and that other members belong to you?
- How could you be more generous or active with the gifts God has given you?

Pray in your pairs

12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.