

Addressing Gift Tension

1. One of the lingering questions that may have stuck with you over the course of this series is – what gift(s) have I been given? Knowing that we have all been given a gift out of Jesus' ministering abilities (Eph 4:7), and that the lists in the new testament are illustrative rather than exhaustive, what gift(s) do you believe you have been given?

Note: if specificity is lacking perhaps begin by expressing which of Clinton's gift categories you believe your gift may come from (love, word or power). Other members of the group are invited to affirm, encourage, and share how this resonates with their experience of you so that we might be helped to discern our gifts as a community.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-21

2. In the Corinthian church certain gifts were being honoured above other gifts causing tension and division. Where do we see this gift tension in our midst brought on by honouring some gifts over other gifts?
3. What truths does Paul remind the Corinthians of to address this tension?
4. How would being rooted in these truths impact the gift tension in our midst?
5. How practically could we as a community create space for all of the gifts that God has given us to be used so that we together grow to maturity in Christ, are built up in love, and become more the church we are called to be?