

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups - July 27, 2014

Here is a link to a helpful article on love as the context for spiritual gifts by John Piper:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/sermons/using-our-gifts-inproportion-to-our-faith-part-2>

NW taught through 1 Cor. in 2011. You can find more in-depth teaching on spiritual gifts in the messages on chapters 12-14 here:

<http://www.northwake.com/sermons/month/8-2011/>

The Holy Spirit: Gift-Giver

Focus: *on welcoming the gifts of the Spirit by lovingly serving the church as he enables us.*

Discussion:

- Have people share what is the most mind-blowing idea they have learned about the Holy Spirit from this series.”
- 1 Cor. 3.16-17 talks about us (collectively, as the church) being the temple of the Holy Spirit, while 1 Cor. 6.19 talks about our individual bodies being His temple. What do you think is the great significance of each of these images?
- 1 Cor. 12.7 reads, "7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good..." Discuss the significance of each of the following phrases in this verse:"
 - "to each is given..."
 - "the manifestation of the Spirit..."
 - "for the common good..."
- 1 Cor. 12.15-20 slays the idea of "uselessness" in the body of Christ, while 12.21-27 slays the idea of "self-sufficiency". Which of these truths is hardest for you to apply to your place at NW?
- What verse would be a good memory verse for you?
- Discuss what you sense may be the area/way the Spirit desires to manifest Himself through you for the common good of the body at NW. What makes that a challenge at times for you?