

# Empowered Service

## I Corinthians 12:4-11

\_\_\_\_\_ enable  
\_\_\_\_\_ supernatural community

*Because they are:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ given by \_\_\_\_\_

2. To \_\_\_\_\_ believer

3. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

## For Further Reflection and Discussion

*Opener: Name a vehicle that best describes you and explain why.*

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read I Corinthians 12:4-11. Based on what Paul says here, what might have been some of the issues the Corinthians were struggling with when it came to spiritual gifts?

Have you been in church settings where a particular spiritual gift was held up as “the” gift to have—or as the best gift to have? If so, what gift was that?

- What effect did that kind of prioritization have on those who had this gift? On those who didn't have it?

Based on what you see in these verses, what are some ways that spiritual gifts are different from natural abilities?

If you have a sense of what spiritual gifts you have, what are they? How did you discover you were gifted in these ways?

According to v. 7, why are spiritual gifts given?

- As you look at the gifts listed in vv. 8-10 (and the ones mentioned in vv. 28-30), how could each of those be used for this purpose?

What questions do you have about spiritual gifts that haven't been addressed in the sermon on Sunday or in this discussion?

### Additional Resources

- Although a test isn't the final word which gifts you have, it can be helpful. If you're interested in finding out more, go to <http://risenking.org/Serve/Discovery.html> and click on the “Download Spiritual Gifts Assessment” link.
- You can also go to that same page on our website and click on the “Spiritual Gifts Descriptions” link to view a document that gives a brief explanation of the gifts mentioned here in I Corinthians 12 and elsewhere in Scripture.