**The Gifts of the Spirit**

**The Word**

Read together 1 Corinthians 12:4-20

**The Big Idea**

The Holy Spirit creates a beautiful diversity in the body of Christ through the giving of various gifts. Our gifts our precisely the ones he wants us to have, and they are given to us not for ourselves but so that we might encourage and bless others.

**Reflection Questions**

1. What are some of the questions you have regarding spiritual gifts. Take some time to discuss those together.

2. Consider the two basic truths to Sunday’s message: 1) The Spirit has given you the exact gifts he wants you to have and 2) Your gifts are not for you; they’re for others. How have you found yourself struggling to embrace either of those truths? And how has God worked in your life to help confirm those truths?

3. If you are present with others, affirm each other’s gifts. That is, take turns going to each person, and share how that person uniquely encourages and blesses your life.

4. What is a specific way you feel called to serve and encourage someone this next week, and how can you do that through the ways God has gifted you?