

A UNIFIED CHURCH AND IT'S DIVERSE ROLES

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I. We have been given diverse _____.

Rom 12:4-8; I Cor 12-14;
Eph 3:8; 4:7-12; Ps 68

II. We have been given diverse _____.

I Pet 4:10

A. The leaders are to _____ the saints.

B. The saints do the _____ of the ministry.

Eph 2:10

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 4:7-8. What is the connection between God's grace and the gifts He gives to Christians?
2. See Ephesians 4:10; John 1:14, 16; and Psalm 68:18-20. Discuss the meaning of "...so that [Christ] might fill all things."
3. A. What are the functions and purpose of each of the gifts that were given to individuals in the church as specified in Eph. 4:11?
B. Why are these important?
4. While many of us aren't gifted in one of the functions listed in v. 11, grace was given "to each one of us," as stated in v. 7. The context suggests this grace is in the form of gifts. How has the Lord gifted you?
5. A. In v. 12, what are examples of "work of ministry" (ESV)?
B. Describe a work of ministry in which you were or are involved.
C. How do you think utilizing your gifting, given by grace, in this work helps to build up the body and glorify Christ?
6. What are the implications of Paul referring to Christians as saints or holy ones?
7. Read Ephesians 4:11-13 and Acts 2:1, 42-47. What does it look like for the church to be built up?

APPLICATION

After discussing the questions, write down what you discovered about gifting and the Lord's purposes for your gifting. Consider how those gifts could best be utilized to mesh with and build up the body of Christ at Bethel and perhaps with other Bible believing fellowships and Christian organizations in the community.

PRAYER

In troubled times, there is great opportunity for the Lord to use your particular gifts to build up the body of Christ. Ask Him to lead you to a ministry of service that will best glorify Him in this hour.