

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Romans 12:1-11. What does Paul think true and proper worship is and what is it in response too?
2. Read Romans 12:4-11. What does Paul say should be the Roman Christians attitude toward self be in their expression of their gifts? Vs 3
3. Read Romans 12:6-8. What gifts does Paul list and what is to be done with them?
4. 1 Corinthians 12:1-14. Why do you think Paul does not want the Corinthians to be uninformed about spiritual gifts? What dangers does he see in this?
5. What does Paul say is the reason for manifestations of the spirits gifts and why is it so important to him that they understand that all the gifts have the one source?

B. Meditation & application

6. In reflecting on these passages- how important do you think spiritual gifts are within the church? How do you think that you find out which gifts you have and how to use them?
7. What gifts do you think God has given you and how could they be of use in the church and beyond? What gifts do you think might be helpful to you and how could you “eagerly desire them?”
8. As we seek and practice the gifts of the Spirit- what are the dangers to be avoided and the attitudes to reject?
9. How do you think you discover if you have a gift in healing, the prophetic, leadership, service or mercy? How could you help others in finding these things out?

Dear heavenly Father- Thank you for not only giving us a mission and a calling to honor Christ and bring glory to him but thankyou for giving us the tools to “get the job done,” through your Spirits’ help. Help us to be open to your Spirit- seek the gifts and faithfully and humbly use them. In Jesus Name- Amen.