

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Read passage (you may also want to use The Message version as Stuart did on Sunday) and ask for general reflections or what people remember from the preach on Sunday.

Steve brought in a Prophetic Scripture at the start Eph. 4:16 'as each part does its work...'

Who is the head of the body/church? Jesus. How does Jesus lead the church? How does this work alongside elders/pastors/life group leaders?

It is absurd to think of the whole body as an eye. What would it look like if everyone in the church had only the following gifts? Prophetic, preaching/teaching, serving, leading?

Why does Paul put tongues at the end of the list in vs. 28?

Vs. 31 What are the greater gifts?

In what ways does Jesus have two bodies? How did His death and resurrection lead to this? How do we live out being Jesus' body on earth?

As Jesus' body we are also called to be reproducing – growing not just self-consumed. In what ways can the gifts lead to being inward looking instead of outward?

When in danger the nervous system withdraws us before we even experience the pain. The brain isn't even part of that. There are some things we need to do, without super-spiritualizing things – we do them because we see the need. What might some of those things be in Jubilee right now? What stops us from acting when we see needs?

Mike said that there is good rest and bad rest. What do you think the difference is and what does that look like in the Body of Christ? Stuart used the phrase 'Don't back off now.' Where do you think you could do with muscling up? What gift do you need to stir up and provoke within you?

We celebrate diversity but fight for unity. Acknowledging the difference as each part does its work. What can lead to arrogance or pride when it comes to gifts? Do you feel you're more likely to be a hand falling asleep or a set of teeth biting?!