

Introduction:

This week, we are talking about how we can use the unique gifts that God has given us to love others into a relationship with Jesus and make this our Best Year Ever. Jesus didn't die for us or the church to be average.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:7 — “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-20 — “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”

1 Corinthians 12:27 - “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

Discussion Questions:

1. A talent is different from a Spiritual Gift given by God. A talent is a result of hard work and we receive the glory. What is one of your talents?
2. Spiritual Gifts are given to us from the Holy Spirit, are you ready to find out and use these gifts? How can Spiritual Gifts be used to glorify God?
3. In the scripture verses above, if the “body” is referring to the church as a whole, what are some of the “parts” that make up the body?
4. How does this scripture help with understanding that “It takes teamwork to make the dream work”?
5. Would you describe your current involvement in the church as: on the field (contributing), on the bench (close to contributing), in the stands (watching others contribute)?
6. Knowing that our church needs all of us in order to accomplish the work God is leading Cokesbury to do, and that the work isn't just up to the Church Staff, what step do you need to take to be more involved on the team?

Take the Next Step:

God has gifted & called each of us uniquely, but those gifts and callings are not always obvious. Complete the Service Interest Inventory on the ‘Next Steps’ page at Cokesbury.tv to explore where God might want to use you to make a difference in our church and in our world.