

ENCORE Discoveries

1. Last week we discussed why God gives spiritual “gifts” or, *divine enablements for ministry that are to be completely under His control* to every one of His children. What was that purpose (12:7)?
2. Other gifts listed in this chapter and Romans 12 include these below. Match the gift with the corresponding definition.
3. What gifts are evident in your particular group? Discuss why you think certain ones are gifted a certain way.

exhortation/encouragement

ability to interpret, clarify, systemize, and explain God’s truth clearly

giving

special ability or desire to help others in practical ways

leading/administration

enables a believer to effectively call others to obey and follow God’s truth

mercy

sacrificial sharing of one’s resources and self to meet the needs of others

teaching

actively shows sympathy and sensitivity to those suffering or in sorrow

helping/ministry

able to direct ministries of the church efficiently

4. As we saw last week in verse 11, and now in verse 18, who decides which part each of us will have in Christ’s body, the church?
5. How do we know from today’s passage that God considers all of His children to be a *vital* part of His church “body”?
6. In fact, *vital* human body parts such as the internal organs which seem to be “weak,” “unpresentable,” or “less honorable,” are often more important than the “attractive” body parts such as arms, legs and facial features. Discuss this essential concept as it relates to the church body here at Blair Ridge Baptist.
7. Paul tells us in verse 24, “God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it...” Why? See verse 25.
8. According to verse 26, anything that hurts a brother or sister in Christ should cause us great sorrow. Also, if a Christian friend is honored for some reason, we shouldn’t feel jealous, but should rejoice with them. Is this what that verse seems to be saying? What do you think?

Theme: Worship Through Service

Monday

What do you think your spiritual gift(s) might be?

Tuesday

Are you using them in a way that best fits your personality and passion? How, or why not?

Wednesday

Do you need extra counseling or teaching on spiritual gifts? If so, please jot down your questions or concerns here and contact Pastor or your ENCORE leader about them *this week!*

Thursday

How can you guard against conflict in the use of your gift with others? Consider how to protect against jealousy, pride, impatience, competition etc.

Friday

Think about your part in the body of Christ at BRBC. How can you become better connected to others here in the weeks ahead?

Saturday

“LORD, may I continue to mature in the knowledge and use of my spiritual gifts. Help me to effectively use them at BRBC in the days ahead. May I use them only for the benefit of all, not selfishly, for the ultimate glory of God.”
