

# the work of the Holy Spirit through us

## 1 Corinthians 12.1-15.11

*This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.*

### PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

*The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.*

### Pray & read 1 Corinthians 14.1-15.11

What strikes you about this reading?

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Do you have any questions about this reading?

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How does this reading make you feel?

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What do you think in response to this reading?

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What will you do in response to this reading?

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## **WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time**

### **read 1 Corinthians 12**

- Discuss what Paul says about the gifts of the Spirit. How is the body metaphor helpful to you? Are any of the gifts of the Spirit promised to every Christian?

### **read 1 Corinthians 13**

- What is the work of the Holy Spirit in every Christian? Do you find anything in this chapter challenging?

### **read 1 Corinthians 14.8-20**

- What is the clear purpose for the gifts of the Spirit?
  
  
- How is the Holy Spirit equipping you to speak clearly and build others up?

### **read 1 Corinthians 15.1-11**

- What is the most important thing that Paul would want us to speak?
  
  
- What do you think happens when people think that the work of the Holy Spirit through us needs *supernatural* gifts? What motivation and focus might be lost?
  
  
- Discuss the how and why of speaking the good news of Jesus? Is it loving to speak to people about Jesus? Why/why not?

**PRAY!** For the work of the Holy in you and each other so that in love you might speak for the building up of others