

1st Corinthians (#5)

Faith Village Adult Education

June 17th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 12: 1-11)

- 1) Can no one really say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit? (Vs. 3) Then how do people confess Jesus as Lord when they want to be baptized, BEFORE they’ve received the Holy Spirit? (Vs. 3) How could demons say Jesus was Lord? Did demons have the Holy Spirit?
- 2) In this passage, is Paul trying to make one main point about spiritual gifts? If so, what was it?
- 3) Does this main point help us understand spiritual gifts today? (Claims, purposes, types, etc.)
- 4) How does the Spirit determine who should have what gifts? (Vs. 11)

June 24th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 12: 12-31)

- 1) According to Paul, what does the physical body teach us about spiritual gifts?
- 2) Do the “eyes” and “ears” of the body (and other spiritual parts) neglect their responsibilities for more reasons than “I don’t belong”? (Vs. 16) What reasons come to mind?
- 3) What do you think *your* role is for this body? In other words, what part do you play?
- 4) What is the gift of “administration”, and who has it? (Vs. 28) Note: Some translations might read “governments”.
- 5) What are the “greater” gifts? (Vs. 31) What makes them greater?

July 1st, 2018 (1 Corinthians 13)

- 1) *How* is love superior to all spiritual gifts?
- 2) *Why* is love superior to all spiritual gifts?
- 3) What type of “love” is Paul describing?
- 4) In verses 4-8, Paul lists many descriptions of love. Which one do you find the most challenging?
- 5) What do you think the “perfect” is, and when will it come? Or has it come? (Vs. 10)

July 8th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 14:1-19)

- 1) Why does Paul “prefer” the gift of “prophecy” over the gift of “tongues”?
- 2) Paul says “tongues” are presented through the Spirit, but what about prophecy? Is it not presented through the Spirit as well? (Vs. 2)
- 3) Does Paul’s “preference” suggest anything for us today? Does it speak to one of the main reasons we gather together?
- 4) What specific gifts “build up the church” today? (Vs. 12)
- 5) If something does NOT build up the church, can it still be a “gift”? How do you know?

July 15th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 14: 20-25)

- 1) How are we supposed to be “infants” with evil and “adults” with thinking? (Vs. 20)
- 2) Why are “tongues” for the unbelievers and “prophecy” for believers?
- 3) Do you think the Corinthians preferred tongues? If so, why?
- 4) Does Paul explain how we should conduct our worship services today? If so, how should we? Other than the glorification of God and edification of brethren, what should be one of our main goals?

July 22nd, 2018 (1 Corinthians 14: 26-33)

- 1) What was the overriding principle Paul believed should govern worship? (Hint: See verse 26)
- 2) Why did Paul say in 14:26 tongues can “strengthen the church”, when Paul said in 14:4 the one who speaks in tongues “edifies himself”? Is this a contradiction?
- 3) Should this lesson make us doubt the reality of modern day “tongue-speakers”? If so, how and why?
- 4) What does Paul mean when he says, “The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets”? (Vs. 32)

July 29th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 14: 34-40)

- 1) Should women speak in the church today? Does “silence” mean absolute silence?
- 2) Do women participating in discussion classes violate this principle?
- 3) What does “in the church” mean?
- 4) How far do we take the interpretation of vs. 40? What if a church didn’t use an “Order of Worship”? What if a worship service only had an opening prayer rather than closing, or vice versa? Would this violate Paul’s command to “do everything in a fitting and orderly way”? Who decides what is “orderly”?