

Big Idea: The church family is a powerful example of unity through diversity.

***1st Corinthians 12:4-6** , Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.*

***1st Corinthians 12:12-13**, For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*

***1st Corinthians 12:20**, As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.*

***1st Corinthians 12:27**, Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

1. Unity of Spirit.

***Ephesians 4:11-13**, And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*

2. Diversity of Ministry.

***1st Peter 4:10-11**, As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Next Step: In what combination do you have a speaking gift or a serving gift?
How can we best encourage you to use your gift?