

1 Corinthians 12:1-6

Intro – what do we already know about the church in Corinth? *Look back at 1:10-12; 1:26-31; 3:1-4; 4:6-10; 5:1-2; 6:5-6; 6:15...*

If that is what the church is like, what problems might we expect when it comes to discussing spiritual gifts?

The Corinthians have had some sort of spiritual experiences before they were Christians (verse 2); how are they to distinguish between these and genuine Christian experiences of the Spirit?

How might this help us to evaluate claims to spiritual experience (or our own spiritual experiences) today?

Probably no-one will come to our homegroup and curse Jesus!

But how does the principle Paul explains here help?

Do we ever resent others' spiritual gifts?

Ever feel you were dealt a fairly poor hand? Envy others' gifts?

Do we ever look down on others?

Ever feel proud? Ever think that you are God's gift to the church?

How would we know if we were going down either of those roads? How does the truth of verses 5 and 6 help us to avoid this?