

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 9, 2019
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1. What, according to 12:1 is Paul going to address now? _____
Why does this seem like such an abrupt transition?
 - a. Perhaps this was something that they had asked about and he is working down the list.
 - b. Perhaps this is another thing that he had heard about and needs to address.
 - c. Perhaps, this was the source of their division or spiritual pride.

2. What does Paul tell the Corinthian church, in verses 2-3?
 - a. When you were pagans, you were influenced by “mute idols.”
 - b. No one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed.”
 - c. He seems to be pointing out that when they worshiped idols that were not even real, they thought they knew what those idols were saying.
 - d. He seems to be pointing out that, if they could be influenced by an idol that doesn’t speak, it may also be possible that they could say that God had said something to them or through them that He had not really said.
 - e. I think that he is pointing out that God is not inconsistent. He speaks things that are consistent with His word and does not say things that are clearly against what He had previously said.

3. What does Paul say to the Church in verses 4-6?
 - a. There are different kinds of gifts.
 - b. The same Spirit distributes all gifts.
 - c. There are different kinds of service (ways to use your gifts), but the same Lord.
 - d. There are different kinds of working, but it is the same God at work.
 - e. He seems to be pointing out that we may have different gifts and different ways to use those gifts, but God does not work against Himself. If there is competition or division amongst people claiming to have the Spirit of God, perhaps they are working for the good of self rather than allowing God to use the gifts of He has given us for His purpose.

4. What does manifestation mean? _____
Why, according to verse 7, is the manifestation of the Spirit given? _____

5. What gifts or manifestations does Paul list in verses 8-10?
 - a. (verse 8) _____
 - b. (verse 8) _____
 - c. (verse 9) _____
 - d. (verse 9) _____
 - e. (verse 10) _____
 - f. (verse 10) _____
 - g. (verse 10) _____
 - h. (verse 10) _____
 - i. (verse 10) _____

6. If we are interpreting this text properly, do you think that we should give emphasis or influence to one of these gifts over another? _____

7. Does this text suggest that everyone should have one of these gifts or all of them? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. Who determines which gifts a person has? _____
What are these gifts to be used for? _____
Would this have the effect of uniting us or dividing us? _____