

Marinating in God's Word: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

You've got mail! A letter sent long ago to someone else, now by the power of the Spirit has been forwarded to you, so that you may grow in Jesus Christ.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Describe the ideal church. Where did you get your church ideals? Did they arise from scripture? From good experiences you've had with the church? In reaction to bad experiences you've had? All of the above?
- Describe the diversity you see in St. Giles. What challenges come with our diversity? What benefits? How can we best overcome the diversity challenges and enhance the diversity benefits? How is that part of our witness to Jesus?
- Each member of our physical bodies has something to contribute to the whole, and the whole body contributes something to each member. How? And how does that work for the church as a body? What happens when the church's body parts are missing or at odds?
- This passage is set in the midst of three chapters dealing with gifts of the Spirit. So as members of the body, we each bring those gifts. What other gifts do you bring?
- How is St. Giles a gift to the larger church body, and vice versa?

Next week we will focus on 1 Corinthians 4:14-21.