



God's People - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13

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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ 1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. What is Paul discussing in Chapters 12-14 of 1st Corinthians? What is the situation in the church of Corinth that Paul is addressing?
2. What do verses 12-13 say bind believers together? What do verses 27-30 say distinguish believers from one another? What do verses 14-26 say our attitude should be toward the diversity among Christians? What would you say then is the overall exhortation of verses 12-31?
3. What is the "more excellent way" Paul mentions in verse 31?
4. What contrast is being made in Chapter 13:1-3? What are some of the most striking explanations regarding true love that you see in verses 4-7? What would you say is the overall exhortation of Chapter 13?
5. Try to synthesize the thoughts of Chapter 12&13 into 2 sentences or less?

"Hearing God? A daring idea, some would say- presumptuous and even dangerous. But what if we are made for it? What if the human system simply will not function without it? There are good reasons to think it will not. The fine texture as well as the grand movements of life show the need. Is it not, in fact, more presumptuous and dangerous to undertake human existence without hearing God?"

-Dallas Willard, Hearing God

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ Given the discussion regarding Chapters 12&13 would you say that Christians have a responsibility to be actively involved in the lives of other believers? What exactly might that responsibility look like specifically?
- ☀ Chapter 14:1-5 is the conclusion to the preceding two chapters. What are your thoughts or questions on these verses? How do the preceding two chapters frame the way that these verses should be understood?