

## December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

**1. Open with prayer** – that God would be very present in your time together today.

**2. Before you really dig in, if you were here Sunday – review the sermon content (1 Corinthians 1.5-7)**

- What was the point of the text?
- How did God's Word challenge you to live this differently this week?

*One of the emphasis from 1 Corinthians 1.5-7 is that God gives his people GIFTS, but its tied in vv8-9 especially to the idea that Jesus is coming back soon. Another passage that ties those 2 ideas together is 1 Peter 4.7-12*

**3. As a group, read both 1 Corinthians 1.4-9 AND 1 Peter 4.7-12.**

**4. Start by just focusing on 1 Peter 4.7-12**

- What observations can your group make about this passage?
- What information is given to us specifically that informs how/why spiritual gifts are important?
- How are gifts to be used (according to this passage)?

**5. Now compare 1 Peter 4.7-12 with 1 Corinthians 1.5-9**

- What similarities do you see between these two passages? Differences?
- How does one inform/supplement the other?

**6. Clearly there's a connection between the end times (Christ's return) and our spiritual gifts. As a group, using the text – how would you explain that connection?**

**7. Before you go...**

- Talk before you go about what you'll be doing to focus on Christmas in the upcoming week.
- Pray with one another before you go.
  - Especially that you might use your gifts of "speech" and "knowledge" effectively this week.