

# Doubling Groups #3: Doing Evangelism as a Team

## Good Questions: These Lessons Have Groups Talking

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### Doing Evangelism as a Team<sup>1</sup>

#### OPEN

- Let's each share our name one thing you love to do.<sup>1</sup>

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

- How are we coming on planning our parties and inviting every member and every prospect to them?

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1. **1 Corinthians 12. As we read this passage, see how many individual spiritual gifts are listed.**
2. Why doesn't Paul want the church, and us, to be ignorant of spiritual gifts?
3. What are the benefits to us as individuals, and to the church as a whole that we understand about spiritual gifts?
4. Imagine a church that was very spiritual in many, many ways. They read the Bible. They pray. They lead moral lives. But, they know nothing of spiritual gifts. What would you expect to find if you were a part of that church?
5. How common would you guess it is that people are ignorant of spiritual gifts? If we were to ask everyone who attended worship this morning, "Do you know your spiritual gifts and are you ministering according to your giftedness?" how many do you think would honestly say yes?
6. Let's make a list of all spiritual gifts listed in this passage.
7. Can you think of other spiritual gifts listed in other passages that we could add to the list?
8. Verse 14. How is the body of Christ like a physical body?
9. Verse 15. In a word, what is the sin of the foot?<sup>2</sup>
10. Verse 22. What are the indispensable parts of the body of Christ?
11. Verse 21. What is the sin of the eye?<sup>3</sup>
12. What is the truth(s) that both the foot and the eye need to embrace?<sup>4</sup>
13. Would you say the sin of the eye or the sin of the foot is more common?
14. How can the foot learn to feel important?
15. How can the eye learn to feel dependant?
16. Why is it important that we feel both important and dependant?
17. How do you go about discovering what part of the body of Christ you are?
18. I would like for us to apply this principle to the idea of this group doubling every two years or less. We talked two weeks ago about the fact that we are debtors and have an obligation and duty to spread the gospel. One way to do that is by this group doubling

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<sup>1</sup>I am thinking of things you like to do for fun, and things we can invite people to join us in doing.

<sup>2</sup>Insecurity.

<sup>3</sup>Arrogance.

<sup>4</sup>You are important; I am important.

every two years or less. A group of ten that doubles every eighteen months will reach 1000 people in ten years. One way we can do that is through the ministry of hospitality. In a phrase, this means, inviting every member and every prospect to every fellowship every month. Based on the concept of spiritual gifts, how do you think each person here in the room today, might could help with this process?<sup>5</sup>

19. We assigned a few tasks on temporary basis last week. This is one of the best ways to discover your gifts—dive in and try something. Here is a lists of tasks that need to be done. What spiritual gifts might be useful for each?
  - a. Teacher
  - b. Leader/ administrator—calls everyone on the team to encourage, support, troubleshoot problems and hold accountable
  - c. Inreach—call every member and invite
  - d. Outreach—call every prospect
  - e. Party planners
  - f. Prayers—call members and ask for prayer requests
20. There may be some here today that were not here last week. Perhaps some of you would be willing to try helping with this project. Who would like to help with what?<sup>6</sup>
21. Three months from now I want us to do an evaluation of this plan and of each person's involvement in the plan. Let's make sure we all have that date on our calendar.
22. How can we pray for one another this week?

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1. Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. 12:2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 12:3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 12:5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 12:6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 12:8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 12:10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 12:11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 12:12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with

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<sup>5</sup>You might go around the room and have each person say, "I think I could help by. . ." and, have the group say, "I think you could help by. . ." or, "How would you feel about helping by. . ."

<sup>6</sup>You might go around the room and ask each one that was not here last week, as we did last week.

Christ. 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 12:14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 12:15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 12:16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 12:18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 12:19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 12:22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 12:23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 12:24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 12:25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 12:26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 12:28 And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 12:30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 12:31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way. 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 (NIV)