

## Messy; Gifts

WEEK OF April 7, 2019

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

### **CONNECT**

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?

### **GROW**

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:2 What characterized the Corinthians' past religious life when they were still spiritual "Gentiles" steeped in paganism?
3. According to 1 Corinthians 12:3 In contrast to the capricious demonic activity, what does the apostle Paul tell us about the working for the Holy Spirit?
4. What is Paul's "rule of thumb" for discerning the origin of spiritual activity or manifestation? How would you compare this "rule" with 1 Jn 3:4–10 and 4:1–4? How would you apply this rule to a charismatic leader who is a powerful preacher but denies that Jesus is God?



9. Read James 2:18-19 and connect it with this passage. What does it say about the demons and their theology?

**GO**

10. Paul is concerned with ignorance about things in the church here. What topics would you like to learn more about (theology, church history, et al.)? Make a list and come up with a plan to be proactive in learning about these things.

11. What types of mute idols are still competing for your attention and diminishing the lordship of Jesus? In what ways can you put those idols to sleep for good in your life? How can you have some more accountability in your life for dealing with these?

12. How can you get better at discerning true leaders from false leaders even when they may not be explicitly denying the lordship of Jesus?

