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Enfold Me Spirit of God - In Communities

1 Cor 12:1-13

1. How many times do you connect with people (phone calls, emails, mobile messages, social sites, etc.) on a typical week? Why do you make these connections with people? Compare our body and Christ's (v12), what are their similarity?

v12. Just as a body, though _____, has many _____, but _____ its many _____ form one _____, so it is with _____.

2. Define "many parts", and explain the point Paul is making. What does that mean to the Corinthians?

v4. There are _____ kinds of _____, but the same _____ **distributes** them. 5 There are different kinds of _____, but the same _____. 6 There are different kinds of _____, but in all of them and in _____ it is the _____ at _____.

3. What purpose should the gifts have accomplished (v7)? In what ways do you see gifts distributed and practiced in the communities of Jesus today – your church / your group?
4. Relook at **v12**, explain your understanding of the body of Christ. Danny said (in sermons on Sunday May 21) community is part of a "packaged deal" in Jesus, what do you think?
5. How do communities bring vitality to followers of Jesus? (Think though v8-10 and sense how "wisdom," "faith," and "knowledge" are used here? What distractions might there be?)
6. What opportunity does your community (in NewHope or elsewhere) have for making Jesus visible to others who aren't His followers?

Next Action. Take to heart Jesus' prayer in John 17:20. What steps would you take to cooperate with God to enthusiastically serve others?