WEEK 3 - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 1 Corinthians 12:7

OVERVIEW

In a hyper-individualistic culture like ours, it is so tempting to treat our spiritual lives as solo endeavors. We try to "do it all" and learn, grow, serve, and heal by ourselves and from our own strength. But this is not how the Church was meant to be! We are a multigenerational spiritual family and each of us were given unique gifts. We are meant to learn, grow, serve, and heal *in community* so that our individual strengths can help build up the whole. Just like tidying up a home, many hands make light work. There's no need to do this work alone!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.

- 1. Discuss how you have seen or experienced Spiritual Gifts in your life or others' lives. How were they helpful?
- 2. What Spiritual Gift do you have to offer? If you're not sure, ask your friends and family what they see in you.
- 3. Have you ever gone to someone to fill a need that they could not fill for you? Explain.
- 4. What happens when we treat our spiritual lives as solo endeavors? Give examples of how learning, growing, serving, and healing *in community* is better.
- 5. 1 Corinthians 13 says that Spiritual Gifts should be used in love. What would be an example of a gift being used without love?
- 6. Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**. Do you have someone with each of these gifts speaking into your life? How? (wise advice, healing, mercy, interpretation, faith, knowledge, discernment, prophesy)