

**Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Building a body:

**The foremost gift**

1 Corinthians 12v1-3

● **Building a Body**

● **Building a body with normal people in a familiar place**

● **Spiritual things & Grace gifts** (in 1 Corinthians 12-14)

● **The Corinthians confusion and us...**

- The dangerous silence of our past (v1-2)

- Addressing the ignorance (v3)

- The foremost gift

- Verse 3—the ‘spiritual’ test?

•Being *Christian* is being *Spiritual*

•No room for Jesus? Then no room for the Spirit

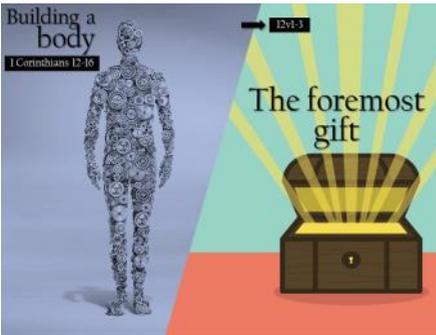
•Do not be ignorant...(about things of the Spirit)

•Christian, you are not what you were

**Conversation starter:**

What does it mean to be 'spiritual'?

# Growth group questions



You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. Many of us have a breadth of experience of attending or visiting different types of churches. Share with one another, perhaps reflecting on things you found particularly interesting, helpful, difficult or challenging.
2. How does our world understand the concept, or word 'spiritual'? Where is this prominent in 21st Century Britain?
3. What do you think it means to be 'led astray to mute idols' (v2) in our context?
4. What is the relationship between the Lordship of Jesus and 'being spiritual'? What will a healthy spirituality look like?
5. Over the coming weeks we will consider how God builds his church by giving spiritual gifts. In general terms, what are spiritual gifts and what are we not to be 'ignorant' (v1) about them?
6. According to v3, what will be clear and evident when the Spirit is at work?
7. Personal: As we look at the coming 3 chapters, what do you want to learn and grow in? What are you going to ask God to do in you? What are you going to ask God to do in us as a church? How should this impact your home life, work life, social life and family?

Pray for one another—that God would build his church, and use us to do it.