

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Prayer

- Pray for another local church by name. Ask for God to bless them and give them favor this fall.

Introduction

- Though we belong to the same church, we have different gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to build up our community.
- Using a whiteboard, write two columns: natural gifts and spiritual gifts. As a group, create lists of natural gifts and spiritual gifts. *Is there overlap? What is the difference?*

Read Romans 12:3-8

- *What would it look like for someone to think of themselves more highly than they should?*
- Paul roots the topic of giftedness in words like grace and faith. *Why is this detail important?*
- Re-read verses 4-5. *What can we learn from the image of “one body – many members”?*
- *What part are you called to play in the church?*
- Raise your hand if you know what your spiritual gift is. *How did you learn that you were gifted in that area?*
- *Which of these do you know you are not gifted in?* Prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, generosity, leadership, mercy.
- *What spiritual gifts do we see in each other?*
- *How might you be called to play your part this fall?*

Church-Wide Announcement

NC Connect / September 12, 4 pm / Calling all NC residents who attend River Oak! We are gathering this fall in Moyock to build friendships, worship God, and enjoy a BBQ meal. Bring your whole family; we will have activities for the kids and plenty of treats. Register online.