

# Gifted

## God at Work – 1 Corinthians 12:1–6

### Message Reflection Guide

How do we know God is at work? Sometimes we see a dramatic display like the parting of the Red Sea for the Israelites. Other times it seems God isn't doing anything, as when Jesus delayed visiting Mary and Martha's sick brother.

Our Father has given us the Holy Spirit to help us recognize His presence and handiwork. But discerning God's work also requires patience since the Lord operates according to His timetable, not ours. Remember, before Sarah conceived the child promised by God, Abraham had to wait until he and his wife were beyond childbearing years.

I believe you will discover that the Lord's efforts are worth the wait. Jesus told the disciples that His Father was always at work and so was He. When we recognize the ways in which God is operating, we will be encouraged and strengthened in our faith. – Charles Stanley

### Conversation Starter

If you could repaint your bedroom, what color would you pick? Why?

### Getting Into The Scriptures Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-6

Pastor Jason said "When the Holy Spirit is at work God is at work and Jesus will be glorified." What makes it so important that Jesus is glorified when we serve and not us?

**God is at work when truth is revealed.** What truth or belief about the Trinity (or member of the Trinity) do you find confusing or difficult to grasp?

**God is at work when He is speaking.** How has the Holy Spirit used a friend to encourage you recently? How has He used you to encourage a friend?

**God is at work when Jesus is made known.** By the Holy Spirit we say Jesus is Lord. What sinful or worldly desires try to eclipse Jesus as Lord of your life?

**God is at work because He is giving.** Take some time as a group to praise God for His generosity in giving each of us gifts.

**God is at work because He is calling.** What type of ministry do you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to based on your gifts?

**Making It Real** **God is at work because He is empowering.** Where do you feel weakest when it comes to living out your calling? How do you need the Holy Spirit to empower you for service in God's kingdom?