



Group Discussion Guide: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 | February 5, 2023

Open with prayer (5 minutes).

Take a few minutes to acknowledge God's presence as you begin your group time. Ask Him to help your group have a good discussion and to help you internalize the Scriptures.

Read Scripture and debrief the sermon (30 minutes).

- What resonated with you from this sermon? What deepened your faith?
- What challenged you from this message?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11** (our passage from last week). **Now read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.** How do these two passages relate to one another?
- To what does Paul compare the church to in verse 1? Who comprises this entity according to verses 1 and 2?
- According to Paul, does the body consist of a one member or many (see verse 14ff)? Are body parts able to say that other parts are unneeded (see verse 21ff)?
- In your own words, after reading this passage, how would you describe how people in the church are to relate to one another?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned that you are a unique part of Christ's body! Does this feel true to you? Why or why not?
- He also mentioned that you are a strategic part of Christ's body! What did he mean when he said this? Does this feel true of your life? Why or why not?
- Lastly, Dan mentioned that you are an indispensable part of Christ's body! Do you live into the reality of your indispensability? Explain.
- What do you think the enemy would say about the reality that you are a unique, strategic, and indispensable part of the body of Christ?
- What are the top three barriers in your life that keep you from being "a fully engaged, participating, and dynamic part of the body?"
- What was the Holy Spirit's invitation to you after hearing and reflecting on this past weekend's message?

Break into smaller groups to prayerfully read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (35 minutes).

Take a few minutes to read and explore 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 individually. After reading it straight through, take a few extra moments to read it again slowly and ask God, "What do you



want me to take home from this passage? How can I apply this to my life? Where do I need to still live into the reality that I am a unique, strategic, and indispensable part of Christ's body whether I like it or not?" When you finish reading and reflecting, come back together as a group to digest your time with God.

As you come back together as a group, ask these three questions:

- What stuck out to you from your time in this passage?
- How did you answer the aforementioned reflection questions?
- How can you live these things out practically?

Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.