



## Family Worship

Date: February 4, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

### Big Idea:

Jesus makes His presence in the world known and tangible through His diverse, but deeply united group of believers known as the church. Every single one of us has a part to play in it. Regardless of age or position, each of us has been given unique gifts and talents to minister to the world and glorify God. When each part of the body does its part, we become the body of Jesus on earth.

### Opening Questions:

1. What do you think are your Spiritual gifts? How are you currently using those to serve the body? How can you begin if you aren't yet?

### Notes on the Passage:

**(Verses 12:12-14)** Paul uses the illustration of the human body to masterfully convey the truth of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The human body is all formed from the foundation of the same DNA yet composed of many different body parts. Each one is necessary for different reasons. The same way, the church is founded upon the blood (DNA) of Jesus and, while its members may look different or perform different roles, each one is vital and working towards the common goal.

1. Why do you think Paul stresses the importance of all parts of the body?
2. What does it mean to you that the body (church) is not one but "many?"

**(Verses 12:15-29)** Paul goes on to stress that each part is integral to the successful functioning of the whole- from the hand to the foot each aspect of a body must do its part. He highlights those that might feel excluded or less than- "what if the foot should say, 'because I am not a hand I am not part of the body...'"- and then works to explain how these roles are still crucial.

1. What are some roles (body parts) that might be seen as less than? What discredits them? How can we reshape our view of these "less glamorous" roles or parts?
2. Who are some people that are often overlooked in the church? How can you take steps to express gratitude to them (janitors, volunteer team, morning hospitality workers...)

**(Verses 12:30-31)** Paul sums up this passage with the reiteration that each of us are gifted and should use those gifts for the good of the church. He does state that God chooses to give gifts as He sees fit and, while it is not wrong to desire certain gifts, we should ultimately filter all of our desires through the scope of bringing Him glory. Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it for the Lord.

1. Is there a certain gift you wished you had? Why or why not?
2. Have you seen your giftings change throughout your life? Explain.

### **Going Deeper:**

1. Have you ever experienced the damage that comes when one part of your body is not functioning correctly? How did that impact everything about your life? Apply that analogy to your church experience.
2. Why do you think we view certain roles as more glamorous or desirable than others? How can we reshape this thinking?
3. What are some things that automatically make us feel like we are not part of the body? (age, past, shame, inadequacies, embarrassment...)
4. How can you, as a family, begin to serve the body today? As a small group?

### **Additional Resources:**

[1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Study Guide: One Body, Many Members | West Hills Community Church](#) – Devotion.

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### **Group Activity:**

Attached is the outline of a body. Label the parts of the body you think go with spiritual roles (teaching, healing, giving, singing, prayer, service, ect...) Why do you think those parts go with those functions? What does Scripture say about each of those roles?



