



One Body, One Love

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion

1. Think about a team, family, or organization you've been part of where everyone contributed in different ways. What made that group work well together?

2. What resonated with you from Sunday's worship?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

3. Paul compares the Church to a human body, where every member is necessary and valuable. Why do you think it is sometimes easy to undervalue our own gifts or compare ourselves to others? What does this passage teach us about belonging in the body of Christ?

4. Paul reminds the Corinthians that "God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be" (v. 18). How does this truth change the way we think about serving in the church?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

5. Corinth was fascinated with spiritual gifts, but Paul *interrupts* the conversation with what is often called the "Love Chapter." Why do you think Paul places this teaching in the middle of his discussion about spiritual gifts? What happens when gifts are used without love?

6. As our church prepares for a new ministry season, where do you sense God inviting you to participate? How might your unique gifts help strengthen the body of Christ?

7. Paul concludes that "the greatest of these is love." Whether you serve in children's ministry, youth, prayer, hospitality, music, teaching, or behind the scenes, what would it look like for love—not obligation or recognition—to become your primary motivation for serving?

8. John Wesley called Communion "food for our souls" and encouraged Christians to receive it as often as possible. How might regularly coming to Christ's Table shape your relationship with Jesus and your relationships with others?

12:12

Just as a body,
though one, has
many parts, but all
its many parts form
one body, so it is
with Christ.

12:27

Now you are the
body of Christ, and
each one of you is a
part of it.

13:13

And now these three
remain: faith, hope
and love. But the
greatest of these is
love.

Next Steps

- **Love Jesus:** Read ahead for next Sunday - 1 Corinthians 15:1-20, 50-58.
- **Connect with Others:** Encourage someone by thanking them for the unique gifts they bring to the church.
- **Serve the World:** Prayerfully consider one place where God may be calling you to serve this fall, and take a step toward getting involved.
- **Reach the Lost:** Invite someone to join you this fall for worship, a Connect Class, or another church event, trusting that God works through the whole body to welcome people into His family.

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