



THE WAY

CONNECT: ONE SPIRIT, ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

Small Group Reflection Guide

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(Based on 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and related passages)

Opening Question

- When have you experienced the power of teamwork—where everyone brought something different, and it worked together beautifully? How does that picture help you think about the church?
- Did you take the Spiritual Gifts Survey? Or one like it? What do you think are your top three spiritual gifts?

Scripture Reading

Read together:

- 1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 12–27
- Romans 12:4–5

Discussion & Reflection

1. Called into One Mission

- Jesus gave all His followers the same calling: to continue His ministry (Matt. 28:18–20; Acts 1:8).
- How does it change your view of “church” to think of it as a continuation of Jesus’ ministry?
- Where do you see yourself fitting in that mission?

2. The Spirit Equips the Body

- The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts for the benefit of others (1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10).
- How have you personally benefited from someone else using their spiritual gift?
- How might God want to use you to bless the body?

3. Gifts vs. Talents

- Talents are natural, but spiritual gifts are given at new birth by the Spirit. Both can glorify God, but spiritual gifts uniquely build up the church.
- Where have you relied only on natural talent instead of God’s Spirit?
- How might God want to transform your talents into Spirit-led ministry?

4. Dependency on God and Others

- We discover gifts through dependence on God and affirmation from others (Eph. 2:10; Heb. 10:24–25).
- Who in your life has affirmed a gift in you?
- How can this group encourage one another to develop and use gifts?

5. Using Gifts for the Good of the Body

- If one part of the body doesn’t do its part, the whole body suffers (1 Cor. 12:26).
- What happens when Christians stay on the sidelines instead of serving?
- What specific ways could you step in to strengthen the body this season?

Application Challenge

- This week, intentionally use one of your gifts (or even test a possible gift) to bless another person or serve the church. Be attentive to how God confirms it through joy, fruit, or affirmation.
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Group Prayer

Pray through Romans 15:5–6 together:

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Invite group members to pray for one another by name, asking God to empower and direct their gifts for the good of the church.