



Life Group Discussion Questions

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Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
For the week of November 7, 2021

Reading the Text:

1. Starting in v. 12, Paul gives a word picture for the church – for the arrangement and distribution of different gifts in the church. How would you summarize Paul's big idea in this section?
2. In vv. 14 - 20, what does Paul say about the arrangement of the diverse parts of the body?
3. In vv. 21 - 26, in addition to many coordinated parts making up the whole, what does Paul tell us about the honoring or dishonoring of seemingly weaker parts?
4. Making the metaphor very overt in v. 27, what outcomes do you imagine Paul is hoping for from this word picture?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read a similar passage from Paul in Romans 12:3-10. A different audience in Rome, and maybe slightly different emphasis, but what similarities do you see in these two exhortations regarding gifts?

Living It Out:

6. Have you ever been tempted to be the 'Lone Ranger' in your Christian faith...no church, no small group...just you and God? What is appealing about that? What is dangerous as it relates to Paul's '*body*' metaphor?
7. What does it look like for a healthy church body to care for, value, and build up members of the body with different gifts? How do we do that?
8. How can we come together as a Life Group to model the kind of body Paul describes?