

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, February 2, 2014
My Church: *Built to Love Unity* (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

Please read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

1. Why do you think Paul is emphasizing unity in verses 12:12-13?
2. In verse 15, Paul addresses what some in the church are saying. What are some in the church saying? Why might they be feeling like this?

Note to Leader: Apparently some in the church feel that they “don’t belong.” 1 Cor 11:22 might give us insight into why some in the church don’t feel they belong.

3. Have you ever felt like you don’t belong at your own church? What made you feel that way?
4. Paul tells us that we belong to the church whether we feel like it or not (see verse 15) because we have all been baptized by the Spirit of God into the body of Christ (see verse 13) when we believe. What can be done to bring a sense of belonging to those believers who are feeling disconnected?
5. Paul suggests that we as a church should honor/serve those who appear weak. How might serving others restore a sense of belonging?
6. Have you ever had someone serve you in a time of need? Did it help you feel connected?
7. Do you think it is true, generally, that serving others gives you a sense of belonging while also giving a sense of belonging to those whom you are serving?
8. Verse 26 challenges us to suffer and rejoice together. Have you ever had someone share in your sufferings? Did you become closer with that person through the experience?
9. How might your group celebrate (rejoice) together?