

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, November 20th 2016

The Vehicle for God's Movement | Serving as a Body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

Sermon Recap: Doug spoke on the body of Christ and how God has gifted each part with a special role/gift to serve. He said that the divisions we experience in the world can be avoided if we embrace the unity we have in Christ. This unity comes through listening to God first and not people first. We are to be an interdependent body that loves faithfully to the end.

1. Is there anything you or your personality that you wish was different?
2. What about Paul's metaphor of the Church as body is challenging to you? To Paul, what is the unifying element of all the different parts?
3. What does Paul's emphasis on the shared oneness of God and his Spirit mean for the way congregations should interact internally and externally?
4. Doug said that when we listen to people, we often hear or think "I am not _____." Qualified, capable, resourced, smart enough, bold enough...fill in the blank. When it comes to serving, where do you feel like you are not?
5. What do you feel your gift is? Can anyone in the group affirm it?
6. What are the divisions in and around our church? How can we address them with love?

Work Application

7. How does the metaphor of the body work in your workplace? What role do you feel like?
8. Paul says all parts are treated equally and depend on one another, is that the case in your work environment? If not, can you do something?