

SERMON DISCUSSION

MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER

ROMANS 12:3-6

The Study

This Sunday's message was a "one-off" look at what God intends The Church to be; a community where every member plays a part for the benefit of all.

Romans 12:3-6 • In these verses, Paul pivots from doctrine in chs 1-11 to practice in chs 12-16; from WHAT we believe to WHAT WE DO with it. Verse 2 calls us to renew our minds, then verses 3-6 tells us something specific we're to think differently about; our place in God's plan. It begins with the realization we are members of one another. Paul uses the human body analogy to describe the Church as the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12-21 • Paul elaborates on the idea of the Body of Christ being like the human body and describes how the parts all work together rather than at odds with each other. Verse 7 is a key. Our gifts and roles are for the profit of all. He elaborates even more on that in **Ephesians 4:11-16**

The Discussion

Share a brief history of your "church-experience" with the group. Have you ever volunteered for some kind ministry at a church? Are you currently involved in a ministry?

What thoughts came to mind as you listened to the message Sunday?

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are?
Do you have an idea of how God wants you to use those gifts?

(We have free resources to help you determine your spiritual gifts and ministry inclinations. Let us know if your group wants them and we will make them available)

One of the ways to help determine your spiritual gifts is to go round the group and share with each other how each member has blessed the others.
This time of gift-affirmation has proven to be a highly significant time in the life of most groups.

After discussing personal and individual gifting and calling, have a discussion on what a church would look like when every member both knew their gift(s) and used them faithfully. In having that discussion, keep the analogy of the human body close by, as the Apostle Paul would urge you to.