



## Liberty LifeGroups Discussion

### BACK TOGETHER (PART 3)

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This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [www.experienceliberty.org](http://www.experienceliberty.org) and select the Sermon title listed above.

## 1 Corinthians 12:20-27

*“It’s never ok to **not** be a part of a church”---Matt Burrell*

- People need community. What is a community? Who makes up your community?
- What was God’s purpose for creating man? See *1 Corinthians 1:9* and discuss what it means to have fellowship with Jesus.
- What might be some issues/excuses for not wanting to have fellowship with others?
- Is there a natural longing to be accepted and approved by others? Does the church make you feel needed?

**1 Co 12:12.** *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

Consider how we are, as individuals, a body. Our body is made up of many working parts. The intricacies of our body work unseen to produce a viable human being. The church is a body as well. Each member works, some unseen, to make the church viable to carry the Gospel to the nations. Paul says Christ is one body with many members. What does that mean?

**1Co 12:21-22** - *And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:*

We love to differentiate ourselves from others. It might be our position in the Church or where we sit on Sunday morning. It could be our title or how close we are to the Pastor. What do you think is the most desirable position in the church? Make no mistake, we are all needed to make the body work. Have you discovered your purpose in the body of Christ?

**1Co 12:25** - *That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.*

Schism is a big word. It means the church shouldn’t be divided in any way. What are some divisions the church deals with? What is the best way to handle an issue within the church, between people? What is the number one issue that brings division to the church?

**1Co 12:26-27** - *And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular*

Since the church is a unified body, it should be obvious that if one part of the body is hurting the whole body recognizes it. If I stub my little toe, it affects my ankle which affects my knee which affects my hip which affects my back which affects my neck which affects my extremities...just from



a stubbed toe! The same is true in church. Someone may be hurting from an adulterous affair or loss of a loved one or any other problem. It is the church's responsibility to take on the burden of others and help them move to resolution. The other side of that coin is rejoicing when others are being blessed. Sometimes our tendency is to be jealous of others.

- Is there anybody in the church you need to approach to help through a tough time?
- Is there anyone you need to make amends with? Is there anyone you need to invite to the altar and pray with?
- Is there someone hurting financially that you could give assistance to?
- How does your LifeGroup minister to each other?
- Do you reach out when someone is not in attendance?
- How often do you pray for those in your LifeGroup?

Take it Home:

1. Get involved
2. Find Someone to Care For
3. Support and Celebrate Others