



## Liberty LifeGroups Discussion

### BACK TOGETHER (PART 2)

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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.

## ROMANS 12:4-6, 11

Have you ever considered your gifting? Sometimes it's difficult to divine what your gift is, consider what you are good at and how could that be used in the kingdom.

Rom 12:4 - *For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:*

The human body is complicated, mysterious, amazing and God made. It is designed as separate parts that work together as one unit. Like the body, the church is made of different people working as one unit. It doesn't solely rely on the Pastor to operate smoothly. It relies on every member to work appropriately.

- How often have you said, “Well it’s the Pastor’s job to do that, he gets paid to do it.” Or maybe, “It’s not my job to do it, let someone else do it.” How well do you think the church operates when everybody else is waiting on somebody else to do something? Discuss what you can do to help in the church, to help spread the gospel, and to help bring unity to the body of Christ.
- If you had to say who had the most important job in the church, who would that be? Who is more important, the Pastor or the janitor? (both have equal importance because they serve differing offices.) In this verse the Greek word office is *praxis*. It means the thing that you do. Office isn’t a title, it’s a job for you to do.
- When you think about the body of Christ, who does that include...is it just our church? If we saw how other churches operate, and are being successful in their ministries, how would we change our level of ownership for our church?

Rom 12:5 - *So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.*

- It is vital to understand the significance of being a part of a larger vision. Think about a tapestry being sewn together to make a complete woven rug. If one weave is off, the whole tapestry doesn’t work. The church is like that in its need to be complete. Have you ever thought, about yourself, that you might be the one piece that makes the church incomplete? The church relies on you and all its members to work together with no division.

Rom 12:6 - *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith.*

- Can you name the spiritual gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12?
- Gifts are given by divine grace to you for the express purpose of serving the church. There are differing gifts according to the grace given to us. You should use your gift because it and you have value in the kingdom. Discuss why someone would be unwilling to use their gift.

Rom 12: 11 - ... *be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.*

- Serving the Lord requires a sense of zeal for what you are doing. Fervent implies the boiling of water to make it hot! Look back over your time serving the Lord. Has the fire diminished in your life? Where is the excitement you once felt for serving? What can you do to return to that place of readiness, willingness and giving selflessly for the kingdom?

This week think and pray about where you belong in serving the kingdom. When God reveals your gift, use it. Although we think of gifts as spiritual, they can be physical. Can you do carpentry; do you like kids; do you have an extroverted personality; are you technical? Use those gifts! Do what you can do!