

Lifegroup Curriculum: Week 2

Looking Back (15 mins)

Family Time

1. Vision:
 - Vision Statement: Explain the vision of your lifegroup. Invite someone in your lifegroup to share your vision piece next time.
2. Icebreaker Question:
 - When it comes to conflict, are you more fight, or more flight (or something in between)?
3. Check-Ins:
 - Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

Looking Up (50 mins)

Worship (15 mins)

- [How Good the Lord Is](#) - Kingdom Culture Worship
- [Canvas and Clay](#) - Pat Barret

Bible Study (35 mins)

Last week, we took a look at Paul's letter to the Corinthians, where he states, "*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*" (1 Cor 12:27 NIV). With that in mind, we'll take a look at Paul's letter to the Romans entailing some of our different giftings and the ways we should treat each other.

Romans 12:3-12, NIV

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give

encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Discussion Questions

Paul highlights different ways we are gifted and how we are to live that out...by simply doing it! He then presents clear instructions for how we are to receive each other. With that in mind:

- What strikes you from this passage?
- Can you think of a time when you were able to really flow in your gifting/using your strengths in community?
- Have you experienced a time when you tried to use your gifting but it wasn't received well, or didn't go as you had hoped? How did that experience make you feel and what has helped you guard your heart against bitterness?

Reflection (5 minutes) - you can optionally play [instrumental worship](#) during this time:

At times when we're feeling rejected it's sometimes hard to know what to do with the hurt that we feel. Remember that God sees your hurt and he has a place for you. Take some time to ask Jesus:

- Are there hurts that I am still carrying?
- Are there ways that I have hurt others by not being "devoted in love" or honoring them above myself?
- Ask the Lord to reveal how he receives you this week, and where he is in moments of hurt.

Looking Forward (25 mins)

We can begin the practice of receiving each other well together and in other safe spaces.

Gather in groups of 3-4 (or smaller, if needed):

- What is something you felt God bring up for you tonight?
- Are there ways in which your group can cover you or support you?
- Pray with one another.