

Life Group *Discussion* Guide
“*The Church’s True Image ~ Part 2*”
I Corinthians 12:12-27

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12, focusing on verses 12-27.

- Why is it important for us to understand that the body is made up of many members (vs. 12-19)?
- Why is it important for us to understand that the various members make up one body (vs. 20-24)?
- What is the basic attitude that members of the body should have toward one another? What results should come from that attitude (vs. 24-27)?

2. Read Ephesians 4:1-16.

- What attitudes or characteristics are highlighted in this passage that help diverse members function as one body? Why are these qualities so necessary for a unified body?
- What should the end result of a healthy body be according to Ephesians 4?

3. Read Romans 12, focusing on verses 3-5.

- Why is humility (“*not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think*”—vs. 3) so essential for the body to function in a healthy manner, especially in the use of our diverse gifts?
- Why might it be helpful for us to remember that we are “individually members of one another (vs. 5)?

4. The above passages all reference the church as the body of Christ within the context of spiritual gifts. Using the green handout with the simple definitions of the gifts listed in Romans 12, discuss the following:

- How is each gift essential for a healthy body to function properly? How might the body suffer with the absence of each gift?
- Which of these gifts have you seen operate in the members of your Life Group?