

Small Group Discussion Guide

VOL 4: Part 25: Gifted for a Purpose: One Body, Many Members

BIG Idea: God has uniquely gifted every believer with grace-gifts to strengthen the Body of Christ, and when each part serves, the whole Church flourishes.

Application: Discover, develop, and use your God-given gifts within the local church—because the Body of Christ needs you, and you need the Body.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What's the smallest role you've ever played on a team (sports, work, school, family project) that ended up making a big difference?

1. Read Romans 12:3. Why do you think Paul warns us about thinking “too highly” or “too lowly” of ourselves? Which of those extremes are you more tempted toward?
2. Romans 12:4–5 reminds us we “belong to each other.” What does it mean to you that the Church is not just a gathering but a body where each person matters?
3. How do you respond to the idea that your gift may seem small or unseen, but it still has a huge impact on the health of the whole church?
4. Paul lists prophecy, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, and showing mercy (Romans 12:6–8). Which of these gifts resonate with you, and where have you seen them in action in our church?
5. Read Ephesians 2:10. How does it encourage you to know that God prepared good works in advance for you to do?
6. What obstacles sometimes keep people from using their gifts (fear, hurt, busyness, insecurity)? Which of those obstacles have you faced?
7. How does belonging to a local church help us discover and use our gifts in ways we couldn't on our own?
8. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:18 that God has placed each part “just where He wants it.” How can that truth free us from comparison and competition?
9. Practically, what is one step you can take this week to begin—or begin again—using your gifts to serve others at Lifehouse?

Prayer Prompt: Take a moment to thank God for the various gifts He has placed in your group. Pray for courage to use them, healing for anyone hurt in the past while serving, and wisdom to discern how each member can strengthen the Body of Christ.

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