

FOR US

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12-14

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been injured? (Broken bone, surgery, etc.) Share about that time. How did it affect your body's ability to function? How did it affect those around you?

CONTEXT

There are several metaphors used in scripture to describe the church. For example, the church is referred to as a bride, a family, a household, a temple, etc. In each case, the metaphor is used to teach a particular lesson. In the passage we will look at today, Paul uses the human body as an example to teach the Corinthian church about unity. The Corinthian church was divided. They were dealing with incest, legal disputes among believers, abuse of communion, and the misuse of spiritual gifts. The "body" in Corinth was sick and divided and Paul wanted to help them get back on track.

READ

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

DISCUSS

- Why do you think Paul spends so much time discussing spiritual gifts?
- How does the body analogy clarify his point about the need for each person's spiritual gift?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

- Do you view some spiritual gifts as more important? How does this thinking line up with the passage?
- When talking about spiritual gifts, what is the difference between unity and uniformity? Why does this difference matter?
- If you had the time to take the spiritual gifts test, or if you already know your spiritual gift, take time to share what your gift is with your group. Share if you are actively using this gift for the body, or if you aren't, talk about ways this gift could be used to build up the body.
- End your time praying for your group to walk out the truth of this scripture and to use their gifts for the good of the Body of Christ.

NEXT STEPS

If you haven't yet, take a few minutes and go to www.spiritualgiftstest.com to discover your gifts. Pray about serving the Church with this gift. To help get connected to serving opportunities, email Info@crosspointcity.com.