



# LIFE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

## Week Two

*Romans 12:3-8 "Serving with Your Gifts"*

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Leader's Notes have been included to help in your preparation. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there's no need to go through them all.

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## ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS

Choose one or two to begin your group time:

1. If you could instantly gain a new skill or talent, what would it be and why?
2. When was a time someone did something small for you that made a big impact?
3. When you were a kid, what did you want to be "when you grew up?"

### 1 Life Is Not About You

#### Key Scripture:

"For by the grace given to me, I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sound judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you." - Romans 12:3

#### Discuss:

- Why do you think pride or insecurity might stop someone from serving in the church?
- In what ways have feelings of inadequacy kept you from serving God? Going forward, what can help you overcome that?
- How does recognizing our dependence on the Lord keep us humble and confident in serving others?

#### Leader's Note:

Paul reminds us that pride and insecurity can hinder our calling. God's grace—not our merit—equips us to serve. We must think rightly about ourselves to serve effectively.

## 2 You Are Part of the Body of Christ

### Key Scripture:

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, though we are many, we form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” - Romans 12:4–5

### Discuss:

- Pastor Tony mentioned how we are all an important, necessary member of the body. In light of that, how might thinking “we” instead of “me” change how you approach church life?
- What happens to the church when people choose not to use their gifts?

### Leader’s Note:

We are not isolated believers—we are interconnected. Each person’s contribution matters. When one member of the body doesn’t function, the whole body suffers.

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## 3 Use Your Gifts to Serve Others

### Key Scripture:

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one’s faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is exhortation, then lift people up; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6–8

### Discuss:

- What are some ways you’ve seen the gifts listed in Romans 12 build up the church community?
- How have you used one of these spiritual gifts for the kingdom? What gift has God given you that you have been hesitant to use?

### Leader’s Note:

Spiritual gifts are meant to build up the body of Christ. Whether they are speaking or serving gifts, all are essential. Gifts aren’t for show—they’re tools for ministry.

## + PRAY +

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- Invite group members to reflect silently on the gifts God may have given them.
- Thank the Lord for placing us in His church body with unique gifts and callings.
- Ask God to help us to serve not out of pride or fear, but out of love and humility.
- Ask Him to reveal the gifts He's given us and give us courage to use them for His glory and the good of others.

### WEEKLY CHALLENGE

God has uniquely gifted every believer to serve others and build up the body of Christ. Your gifts matter—and it's time to discover them and use them. This week we invite you to take part in a Spiritual Gifts assessment to help you discern how God has gifted you!



### The Challenge

#### **1. Take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment**

Go to **giftstest.com** and complete the online spiritual gifts assessment. It only takes about 5 minutes.

#### **2. Pray About Your Next Step**

Once you've taken the test, prayerfully consider how and where to use your gifts.

#### **3. Share What You Have Learned**

Share with your group, family, or a friend what you learned and ask how you can get involved.



#### **Upcoming Events to keep on your group's radar:**

Forged: Men's Event - Sept. 27 | IMPACT Missions Conference - Nov. 5-9 | Illuminate - Dec. 1-4