

SESSION 3 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GET STARTED

We are not just a part of the Church, we are also a part of families and friend groups. As the Body of Christ, when one person is joyful, we should all be joyful; and when one person hurts, we should hurt for them. Photos tell stories. They remind us of moments, our history, and identity. This week, share a photo from an important life moment (weddings, births, graduations, funerals, etc.) and a story that goes along with it.

Our bodies are truly fascinating and clearly God-designed. What is your least favorite function of the human body? What is your favorite function of the human body?

TAKE IT IN

Watch Session 3: WE are CONNECTED at mynorthside.com/WE. What encouraged or challenged you from the video and daily study guide this week?

TALK IT OVER

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- These verses highlight how, as a church, we should be connected with one another in order to be the most effective at spreading the Good News. It is very clear that if we tried to work by ourselves that we would not be as effective. In what ways do you feel you can best help others connect with the Body of Christ? What are your gifts and talents that can be used for the Kingdom of God? If a group member struggles with identifying their own gifts, help them by pointing out the gifts and talents you see in them.
- Re-read verse 25-26. These verses make it clear that, as a connected Body of Christ, we should be working together to support one another. How do these verses highlight the importance of interdependence among members of the Body? Can you share a personal experience where you felt the impact of supporting or being supported by others in our community?
- For the Body of Christ to function properly, everyone has to do their part. Each person's contribution is both their own and connected to the Body of Christ! Can you share a time when you witnessed someone using their gift for the benefit of the Body of Christ? What was the impact of that action? What would it have been like if they tried to use a gift they did not have?

Read Romans 12:5-8

- These verses very briefly mention some spiritual gifts. However, this is not a complete list of the spiritual gifts that are out there. We are all wired differently and have had different life experiences; therefore, we all have different spiritual gifts. ALL the spiritual gifts are important. Take a moment to review *We Are Connected | Spiritual Gifts* (pg. 124). Why do you think it's important for us to understand the unique contributions of each gift in people? How does this affect the overall health of the Body of Christ? With which gift do you most identify? Why?
- The action of using your gifts can be a big step for some! Looking ahead, how can our group better embody the message of Romans 12:5-8? What goals or initiatives can we pursue to grow in connection and service?

LIVE IT OUT

We are all connected by Christ but, at the same time, are different individuals from each other. This week, start exploring where you can be most effective at getting connected to the Body of Christ. Try serving somewhere consistently if you have never done so before, or maybe start exploring what your gifts and talents are. You can begin that by going to or creating your profile at mynorthside.com and taking the “Spiritual Gifts Assessment” under assessments. Another idea to pursue is simply sitting down and thinking about the things that give you energy! If something energizes you, that may be a very good sign from the Holy Spirit that you are on the right path.

Daily Study Guide: Take 30 minutes each day to complete the daily study guide. Don't think of it as homework, but relational time growing alongside your Heavenly Father. Come ready to discuss what you are learning at the next group session.

Memorize: *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”* 1 Corinthians 12:12-14