

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families For the week of May 21, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- What is one way you have seen the church function as one body made up of individual members?
- What is one way you experience the temptation to be "conformed to this world"?

Romans 12:1-8 One Body in Christ

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- What two things does Paul urge us to do?
 What does each mean practically?
- What is the only sufficient motivation for Christian living? What else might possibly motivate someone? What would Paul say about those other possible motivations?
- How would Paul counsel you if you were spiritually stuck, or struggling with disobedience?

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function.

 What two mistakes are we tempted to make when we think of ourselves? What is the core problem with each error? Paul describes sources for the Christian's self-image. What are they? What are they important to understand?

⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- How would Paul counsel you if you wanted to discern your spiritual gifts?
- How would you define each of the spiritual gifts Paul lists in this section? Which ones could possibly describe how God has gifted you?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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