

# WHAT POSITION DO YOU PLAY?

## 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." - 1 Corinthians 12:7*

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**As your group time begins use one or more of the following questions to tip off the discussion:**

*What kind of teams have you been a part of? What position did you play?*

*Have you ever found it difficult to work with a team of people? Explain.*

*What do you know about spiritual gifts, and do you know what yours might be?*

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Being a Christian means we are on a team and teams have different roles to fill. The Church is no different. We all have a part to play in the family of God and it's important that we act together to accomplish the work of the Church as outlined in scripture. Paul's letter to the Corinthian people help to focus them individually so they might be more effective as a whole. Discovering our position challenges us to move beyond the borders of what we thought we are capable of alone.

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The first thing to know about our position is **GOD WANTS US TO KNOW OUR POSITION.** Read **1 Cor. 12:1 as a team.**

Have you ever been put on the court/field/diamond and felt "uninformed" about the position you were supposed to play? How did that go for you? How did it go for the team?

Have you ever felt God made you and said "I have no idea why I even put him/her here on this earth?" What does God tell us about his plans for us in **Jeremiah 29:11**?

It benefits a sports team when all the players know their position. How does it benefit a church when Christians know theirs?

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The second thing to know about our position is **WE'RE ON GOD'S TEAM.** Read **1 Cor. 12:2-3 as a team.**

Were you ever picked last for teams in the school yard? How does it feel to know God chose you and paid a price for you to be on His team? Read **Romans 3:25-26** to see how he did this.

When we're on God's team, God is our Coach. What happens when we don't do what Coach says? Does this apply to God?

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The third thing to know about our position is **WE DON'T ALL PLAY THE SAME POSITION**. Read **1 Cor. 12:4-10 as a team**.

What are some of the positions mentioned here and in other scriptures that we “play” as Christians?

Why is it important that we have *different* gifts? Explain.

Would you say most Christians are players or spectators? How does knowing your position help get more people in the game?

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The final thing to know about our position is **GOD ASSIGNED US TO OUR POSITION**. Read **1 Cor. 12:11 as a team**.

How is our spiritual gifting determined? Do we have a choice in what our spiritual gift is?

How can you find out what your spiritual gift is so you can help grow the kingdom of God?

Take a minute and share what your spiritual gift is and help those who may not perceive what theirs might be.

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**Pray:**

As you close your time in prayer lift each other up and encourage one another to search out what position they play. Ask God to give clarity as to the role we all have in His kingdom and for the courage to act on it so we would make an impact. Pray the Holy Spirit would remind each of you that you are on God's team and when we work together we are the unstoppable church - the church the gates of hell could not prevail against.

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**Connect:**

Go to [www.giftstest.com](http://www.giftstest.com) to take a quick 5 minute spiritual gifts test. This will give insight to where the Holy Spirit has gifted you to serve and hopefully point out how you can get in the game!