



## Practice Not Perfect: The Practice of Serving March 9 & 10, 2019 – Campus Pastors

Note to Leaders: This weekend, each of our campus pastors delivered a unique sermon from a shared primary scripture passage and theme. As a result, this week's study guide is a general one. To view each sermon, go to [menlo.church/messages](http://menlo.church/messages).

**Follow up from last week:** What did you learn about spiritual gifts last week that stuck with you?

### Connect

1. What was something you appreciated about this weekend's worship service?
2. Describe a volunteer experience where you felt particularly energized and who benefitted from your efforts.

### Engage

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- In your own words, summarize the significance of the body metaphor that Paul uses to describe the local church.
- What would you consider to be analogous to the "weaker" parts of the church? How are they given honor?

### Apply

1. Re-read verses 13 and 26. How do you contribute (or not contribute) to this being a reality at our church?
2. What is your next step as a part of the body of Christ?
3. How can your group help you take that step?

### Pray

Loving God, we thank you for the grace that you extend to each and every one of us to be invited and included as the body of Christ, the church. We thank you for the ways in which have uniquely grown and gifted us so that, together with you, we are able to accomplish more than we could as individuals. Continue to teach us how to love one another and how to extend that love beyond familiar faces to reach those we do not yet know – and perhaps who do not yet know you. We pray these in the name of Jesus, Amen.

This resource and additional sermon study guides are available at [menlo.church/leaderresources](http://menlo.church/leaderresources).



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## Going Deeper

### Connect

1. Share with the group what your 3 primary spiritual gifts are. (See Learning Opportunity section below for a resource if you need help.)
2. If you had to choose just one part of the human body that describes you, which part would you pick?

### Apply

1. Learn more about how you can serve in the church, our local communities, and/or beyond by visiting [menlo.church/serve](http://menlo.church/serve). Use the orange “Find all opportunities” to help you with your search.
2. Registration for our [Spring Serve Your City](#) event is now open!  
**Serve Your City** is a ‘first touch’ opportunity for you to work with our local mission partners and learn what they do firsthand. Our prayer is that, through this 3x per year event, that you will discover a local organization whose need matches with your passion and gifting so that you will continue to engage and build relationships with these faithful and effective organizations beyond our regular Serve Your City events.

### Learning Opportunity

Take a (free) Spiritual Gifts assessment online: <http://bit.ly/mcspiritualgifts>

