

Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 7, 2023

Ephesians 4:7 – Corporately Singular

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time you found yourself in a situation where you did not belong.
- What are some examples of groups of people who are different from each other, but work towards a common goal by accomplishing different things?
- What would happen in the above situation if all those people were the same and did the same thing?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

The Christian church is designed to be a unified body with a diversity of people

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- What does Paul describe as the ideal church?
- What would be the result if every Christian were the same?
- Have you ever seen churches where everyone in the church was encouraged to be the same? What did that look like? Did it seem odd? Why do you think that was?
- What are some similarities that all Christians should share?

- If those are the only similarities we should share, is it ok to feel liberty to be ourselves in everything else?
- What are the limitations God puts on our liberty to “be ourselves”?
- While we are encouraged in our individuality, what are the dangers of becoming so individualistic that we avoid connection with other Christians?
- How can sinful pride prohibit us from appreciating the differences in others?
- What are some beautiful aspects of diversity in the church?
- Social media algorithms learn to show us things that we are interested in or agree with. What is the danger of only seeing things we like or agree with?
- What are some things you feel you are good at?
- How can you use those things you are good at in the body of Christ?

Read Ephesians 2:10 and Romans 12:4-8

- Does God give us an option on whether we connect and serve in the body of Christ?
- What are some things that can hinder our desire or ability to be an active part of the body of Christ?

BRINGING IT HOME

- Share some of the differences you appreciate about others, maybe some in your group.

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