

# THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**  
**IN GOD WE TRUST**

## **Message Summary:**

This week in our series, IN GOD WE TRUST, Pastor Jordan Carter taught us that when we hear the word “mission,” most people think of the foreign mission field. But as the church, our first mission is to be an engaged participant with the body of Christ – the Church. We cannot fulfill God’s global mission if we are not answering the call to our first mission, being an active member of the Church. God uses physical beings to do His will on the earth. And now we Christians (little Christs) represent Jesus to each other and to the world. Jesus called the diversity of mankind to be His Church and to come together under the unity of His message. God has called you to be a member of the Church, and that means you are part of His body. God crafted each one of us with unique gifts and talents to build up the Church. Each of us has a part to play in the body. We are a body part in the body, with talents to add to and benefit the body. We are at our best when we are part of the community where God has called us to belong. When we are alone, we are vulnerable to the enemy. We were never designed to do life alone. We need one another. As Pastor John said in *The Transformed Life*, “We were not saved alone. We were saved into a family.” God designed us purposely so that we would need to rely upon one another. Our strengths are a sign of our design. Our weaknesses are a sign we need someone else’s strengths to help us. When we focus on what we aren’t, we are missing out on the opportunity to connect with others. We are intentionally designed to be interdependent. We are better together!

## **Key Scriptures:**

- [1 Cor. 12:14-18 NLT] 14 Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. 15 If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? 18 But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.
- [1 Cor. 12:25-27 NLT] 25 This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. 26 If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 27 All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does “mission” mean to you?
2. Why do you think God gave his people different gifts and talents?
3. How do our gifts serve one another?
4. How can you use your gifts and talents to serve your family, the Church?

## **Life Application:**

This week as you study the key scriptures, consider what Pastor Jordan said, “We get out of our relationship with the body what we put into it. When we add our supply, the relationship becomes mutually beneficial.” Ask yourself, what is your supply that you are adding to the body? Are you an active body member, giving your strengths to the whole? In your time of prayer this week, ask God how he wants to use you and the gifts He gave you, to uniquely bless the body, the Church, in this season. Remember, we are better together!