



“No Spare Parts”
1 Corinthians 12:14-20
Pastor’s Choice

1 Corinthians 12:14 – “For the body does not consist of one member but of many.”

1.) Diversity in the body is the design, not the defect.

1 Corinthians 12:15 – “If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.”

“You can glorify God in exactly the way you were made.” -Pastor Jim Cecy

2.) You weren’t designed to fill someone else’s role.

1 Corinthians 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.”

“I can’t be anything I want to be, no matter how hard I work or how much I believe in myself. All I can be is me. Who the Creator made me to be.” -John Mark Comer.

1 Corinthians 12:17 – “If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?”

“Gift Projection takes place whenever we begin to project our own unique gifts and calling upon everyone else, as if our assignment should be their assignment, and our strengths their strengths.” -Larry Osborne

3.) Your role wasn’t designed for someone else.

“Once we find something that works, most of us have a hard time believing that it won’t work everywhere and anytime.” -Larry Osborne

“The eye has been specifically designed for sight, and because it has, it has no ability to pick up objects. The design determines the limits.” -Paul David Tripp

“If God wanted you to be like other people, He would’ve made us all the same. Be yourself and let others be themselves.” -Bob Goff

1 Corinthians 12:18 – “But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.”

4.) We were all designed with specific roles.

“Whatever it is that you’re called to do...if you don’t do it, not only do you rob yourself of the life God called you to live, but you rob the rest of us. We need you to be you.” -John Mark Comer

1 Corinthians 12:19-20 – “If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.”

5.) If we embrace our diversity, we will have greater unity.

“It is only when I humbly acknowledge the limits of my gifts that I can then surround myself with people who are gifted in ways I am not, smart in ways I will never be, and strong in areas where I am weak.” -Paul David Tripp

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
2. Do you fall more on the side of gift envy or gift projection?
3. What strengths do you feel like God has given you?
 - a.) What limitations has He also given you?
4. How can you use your specific strengths and gifts for God’s Kingdom?
5. Do you feel that God has called you to be a part of the local body of Christ at Campus Bible Church?
 - a.) If so, what roles do you think He’s called you to fill?