

I AM GP – Part 3
Community Group Discussion Guide
April 25, 2021

Throughout this series “I Am GP” we have been reminded that this place, GatheringPoint, happens because of you! GP isn’t really just a place you go, it’s you. And when two or more of you are gathered in Jesus’ name, God shows up. You are strengthened by relationships, you are nurtured by serving and giving of yourself, so the sum total of you is more than what you accumulate, but who you are.

***Share an example of how you were “spurred” on by a fellow believer this last week. In what way did you receive that encouragement?**

Early last week Pastor Dane received an e-mail from a lady who attends GP looking for information about groups and what she needed to do to take a next step to get further connected. During the phone conversation it was discovered that Beverly is almost 83 years young and is an incredible reminder to all of us about the beauty of the Body of Christ. We need to hear her story and be reminded of her value as a part of the Church.

***Read together I Corinthians 12:12-27 Unity and Diversity in the Body**

Scripture Support:

I Corinthians was written for the purpose of identifying the problems in the church, to offer solutions, and to teach the believers how to live for Christ in a corrupt society.

v. 12; Paul compares the body of Christ to a human body. Each part has a specific function that is necessary to the body as a whole. The parts are different for a purpose, and in their differences they must work together. Avoid letting pride convince you that your abilities are too good, or that you have nothing to offer the body of Christ.

***Share an example of a time when you experienced people in the Church using their different gifts, talents, and abilities first to honor God and second to encourage the body of Christ. What was the setting and what was accomplished?**

v. 13; the church is made up of many people from a lot of different backgrounds with a variety of gifts and talents. It’s easy for these differences to be a catalyst for division within the church. Paul is reminding the church of the importance of unity among the believers.

v. 23-24; Here Paul argues about the diversity of the gifts and acceptance of the variety of gifts that God gives people. No one should feel superior instead everyone should use their gifts to willingly serve. Perhaps your gift is maximized in an up-front, in the middle, or behind the

scenes. Regardless, we should not envy those who may have more gifts than we do, yet in love, treat everyone's gift as valuable to God.

v. 25-26; Paul is really direct here. NO DIVISION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST!

Discuss together the following:

*What is your response when a fellow Christian is honored?

*How do you respond when someone is suffering?

We are called to rejoice with those who are rejoicing and weep with those who are suffering.

Paul reminded us in the sermon that everyone is indispensable in light of the mission of the church. Every story is a direct result of our body working like a body. Anyone who has ever attended GatheringPoint Church was invited by part-of-the-body, parked by part-of-the-body, greeted by part-of-the-body, had their kids checked in and told the Bible story by part-of-the-body, were led in a small group, and were able to see and hear the service all because a whole bunch of body parts worked together and did something extraordinary. It's worked because so many have made it work.

v. 27; Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it

*Discuss together how you see yourself and/or your group fulfilling what it means to be the body of Christ. How do you see yourselves serving together?

We need you to be a somebody in this body.

YOU ARE GP!