

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

Discussion Guide

Sunday Sermon 4.12.26



Exalting Jesus in Easter Part 3: Admirer or Follower?

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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Opening Prayer

Icebreaker Question: What's one thing you've learned to appreciate about your physical body that you used to take for granted? (Like Andrew's pinky finger story!)

Sermon Recap

This week we explored what it means to be the body of Christ—not just the universal church, but our local expression of it. We learned that Christ in the flesh is gone, but He left us the body of Christ in the form of the church to be His witness. We are called to be fully devoted followers of Jesus who encourage others to do the same.

Key Takeaways

1. The Body is ONE

The church is meant to live in unity. Avoiding conflict doesn't make it go away—it just makes it silent. We belong to one another.

2. The Body Has UNIQUE Members

We're all different and gifted differently, but this isn't an excuse to avoid working together. Our diversity is by design.

3. The WHOLE Body is Important

Every member matters. You're not here by accident—God placed you here for a specific purpose (v. 18).

4. The Body is INTERDEPENDENT

We need each other. You can't do this alone, and the body can't function without you doing your part.

5. The Body is a GIFT from God

This is God's church, not ours. When one member suffers, we all suffer. When one rejoices, we all rejoice.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Message

1. Andrew mentioned that success for the church isn't about numbers but about "building fully devoted followers of Jesus." How does this challenge or change your view of church success?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:18 together. What does it mean that "God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased"? How does this truth impact how you view your place in the church?
3. The sermon emphasized that biblical church membership is more like being an arm or leg (an extremity) rather than a gym membership. What's the difference, and why does it matter?

Going Deeper

4. Andrew said, "We will never grow outside the context of relationships." Do you agree? Why or why not? What has been your experience with spiritual growth?
5. How would you honestly assess your level of commitment to this local body? Are you more of a consumer or a contributor?
6. The sermon challenged the idea that we can just avoid people we have conflict with in the church. Why is facing conflict head-on so important for church unity? What makes this difficult?

Personal Reflection

7. In what ways do you think you might be treating church like a "good to be consumed" rather than a place to give?
8. The pastor mentioned that Sunday mornings alone "will never be enough." What are some barriers that keep you from deeper connection with your church family during the week?
9. If one member suffers, all should suffer. If one rejoices, all should rejoice (v. 26). Can you think of a time when the church family lived this out well? What about a time when we missed the opportunity?

Application

10. The pastor gave a practical challenge: reach out to someone in the church this week to get to know them spiritually. Who came to mind for you? What's holding you back from doing it?

11. How can we move from just talking about sports and weather to actually having spiritual conversations with one another?
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge

Everyone: Reach out to someone in the church this week. Call them, invite them to dinner, or meet for lunch. Get to know them spiritually:

- What's their story?
- What are they gifted at?
- What can you learn from them?
- How can you encourage them?

Additional Action Steps:

- If you have unresolved conflict with someone in the church, take steps this week to address it biblically and lovingly.
 - Identify one way you can serve the body that isn't just "showing up on Sunday."
 - Ask yourself: "Am I actively involved in discipleship—either receiving or giving?" If not, what's one step you can take?
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Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 12:18 *"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased."*

Prayer Focus

Pray for:

- Unity in our local body—that we would be one as Christ prayed (John 17)
- Courage to have difficult conversations and address conflicts biblically
- Eyes to see where God has placed us and how we can serve
- Deeper relationships within the church that go beyond surface level
- Hearts that love one another sacrificially, as Christ loved us

Accountability Question for Next Week: Did you reach out to someone this week? How did it go? What did you learn?

Closing Thought

Remember: You are not here by accident. God placed you in this body for a purpose. The question is, will you embrace that calling and commit to loving, serving, and growing alongside your brothers and sisters in Christ?
