



## Lesson 9: Called to One Body

### Main Point

You are called to use your unique gifts to serve the body of Christ.

### Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-19 NLT

**The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.** Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. **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.** 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? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. **How strange a body would be if it had only one part!**

### Exploring the Scripture:

- How is the church like a body?
- What does the passage say all believers have in common?
- What does this passage show us about why every disciple is important within the church community?
- What does this passage show us about why disciples need the church community?

### Scripture: Romans 12:4-8 NLT

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is **serving others**, serve them well. If you are a teacher, **teach** well. If your gift is to encourage others, be **encouraging**. If it is **giving**, give generously. If God has given you **leadership** ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing **kindness** to others, do it gladly.

### Exploring the Scripture:

- What gifts does this passage list?
- What does “we all belong to each other” mean?
- Why do you think God gives us all different gifts?

### **Applying It to My Life:**

- If you are part of a church: How has God gifted you to serve? How could you use those gifts in your church?
- If you do not attend a local church: What is keeping you from becoming a part of a church? What has God been saying to you in this lesson?

### **Reflecting on Your Gifts**

Write down the seven gifts listed in the Romans passage.

- In your groups, go through each of these gifts and write down specific ways you have seen believers put them into practice. Be sure to highlight how you have seen the people in your group using them.
- This week, continue reading through Romans 12:4-8. Spend time praying. Ask God to show you how he wants you to use your gifts to serve the church.