

Week 22 LEADER Discussion Questions

LEADERS: THIS IS JUST A REMINDER THAT THE QUESTIONS BELOW ARE INTENDED TO BE A GUIDE, NOT AN ASSIGNMENT! USE WHATEVER IS HELPFUL, BUT FEEL FREE TO SKIP, MODIFY, OR CRITICIZE ANY OF THE QUESTIONS! 😊

Text: 1 Cor 12:12-31

Icebreaker: How do you think God has gifted you to serve the church?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?

2. What do you think the big-picture point is of this passage? How would you summarize it?

Here are some verses from the passage that could work well as summarizing statements: vv. 12-13 and 27. The rest of the passage helps explain the main idea of these verses.

Application: What roles have you been a part of either at Calvary or in a previous church? If you haven't served in some way, what role do you think you could play?

3. In verses 14-26, we read the imagined comments of various parts toward other parts. What does this suggest about what was happening in the church in Corinth?

They reveal that the Corinthians are celebrating some roles and gifts over others. This kind of "significance competition" could only lead to divisions that threatened the overall unity of the church.

Application: What roles or gifts do you think might feel inferior or less important in the church today? Which are more celebrated? Why?

4. *Application:* Verse 20 says, "there are many parts, yet one body." What are some of the "many parts" of Calvary? In general terms, how do these parts all work together?

5. Verses 27-31 draw attention to the diversity of both roles and gifts in the church. How does the metaphor of a body help keep each role and gift in a proper, healthy perspective?

There are at least two ways the body metaphor can help. First, for those who find themselves in roles and with gifts that tend to be in the spotlight, the body ought to remind them of their dependence on the other parts. Second, for those who may think their gifts don't matter as much as others, the body helps remind them that the body is dependent on them even if they aren't as visible.

Application: What do you find encouraging about this passage? What's challenging for you?