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# **BETTER TOGETHER**



# BIG TRUTH: GOD'S GIFTED PEOPLE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 1 Peter 4:8; Hebrews 3:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

### **BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13**

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit."

#### **BIG IDEAS**

- God's gifted people are one body.
- God's gifted people need one another.
- God's gifted people suffer and rejoice together.

# **BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26**

#### **UNITE - I AM CALLED**

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

# **SERIES AIMS**



#### Every student should know that...

- Every good gift comes from the Father.
- They have been specifically and uniquely gifted to bring God glory.
- Spiritual gifts are given for the edification of the body of Christ.



#### Every student should strive to...

- Pursue unity with other members of their church family.
- Use their gifts for the good of God's people.
- Practice regular repentance and obedience.



#### Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the various gifts God has given their church family.
- Convicted of the ways they bear the fruit of the flesh.
- Secure in their standing as God's children through the Holy Spirit



#### Every student should want...

- To be known for loving others like Jesus loves.
- To learn more about their spiritual gifts and the gifts of others.
- To both suffer and rejoice with God's people

# **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it means to be one body. We will pray for them to have a heart that desires to share in the body of believers and we will lead them to practice using their gifts in the body.

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#### Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 this week.

As you meditate on these verses use these questions to help you ponder them:

• How can you discuss with your child what it means to be a part of the body of Christ? How can you help them understand that every believer is needed and necessary to the body? How can you model participating in the body of Christ?

#### Ponder how you can help your son or daughter learn how to suffer with other believers.

• How can you model sharing in the suffering of others and rejoicing with other believers?



#### Pray for your son or daughter to grow in their desire to use their gifts in the body.

- Pray they would understand that they are needed and necessary to the body.
- Pray with your student for their hearts to desire to share in the suffering and rejoicing of other believers.



# Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that he or she is tempted to not participate in church.

- Discuss some ways that he or she can do more than attend.
- Discuss with your student some ways that he or she can share in the sufferings of other believers and rejoice with them.