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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 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 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 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

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to be one body. We will pray for hearts that desire to suffer and rejoice with other believers and we will practice participating in our local body.

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

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

- What does it mean to be one body? How does God's Holy Spirit help believers operate as one body?
- Why is it important to use our gifts in our local body of believers? What are some reasons I don't want to use my gifts or I don't use them?

Ponder ways you can use your gifts this week.

- How can you recognize and use your gifts in the body this week?
- How can you use your gifts to share in the suffering of other believers?



Set aside time each day this week to pray.

- Pray for a heart that sees your local body's need for you and that desires to participate with it.
- Pray with your small group leader this week, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you to opportunities to share in the suffering and rejoicing of other believers.



Make a list of several people with whom you interact daily.

- Designate these people as believers or unbelievers. Next to the believers, jot down a few ways you can encourage them this week. Make a commitment to use your gifts to build up the believers in your life.
- Discuss with your small group leader some reasons you are tempted to not participate in your local body. Brainstorm some ways you could use your spiritual gifts in your local body.