



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE

October 25th

BIBLE PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The book of 1 Corinthians was originally a letter written by the apostle Paul to a church he planted in Corinth. Many people came from all over the world to Corinth to do business and trade. It was an important place and the people who lived there felt like they were pretty important, too. Paul wrote this letter, in part, to remind the church in Corinth that they shouldn't allow their supposed self-importance to guide their life. Instead they must remember that God has rescued them and that He should be the one guiding their life.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

| Questions | Answers |
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| What does it mean to be baptized by one Spirit? | This means that all who have put their faith in Jesus, are unified by God's Spirit living in us. By being unified, Christians are all a part of one body of Christ which is the Church. |
| Why are there different parts of the body? | If all were one part, it would not create a body. There is beauty in the distinction of many parts. All parts are useful and necessary to the function of each other. |
| Why should we take care of the less honorable parts. | We should take special care of the less honorable parts because if those parts suffer, the body suffers with it. Despising those parts creates division but showing sympathy and special care creates unity. |
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5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: