

All for One, One for All

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 | Rev. Victory Ramoy

DISCUSS

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 speaks about how God put different people together collectively as a church, while also recognizing the diversity of its members individually, their unique gifts, and roles and how all of the members can work together to achieve a common goal. For us to be able to contribute, it is crucial for us to have a good foundation on God's design for us as His people. Read the passage and discuss the following biblical principles.

Understand that God called us to belong to the body of Christ and to participate actively in the life of the church (v. 12-13)

- What is the meaning of the church? Does it refer to a building? How did apostle Paul compare the human body to church?
- How do you participate in the church—the Body of Christ? How does giving importance to church show that you value Christ?
- What are the common problems in the church when members are not properly representing the body of Christ?
- As a member of His body, the church, what are your responsibilities to intentionally build healthy Christ-centered relationships towards the other members of the body?

Recognize and appreciate that every member of the church body is valuable regardless of their roles and gifts (v. 15-20)

- How did Paul emphasize the importance of every member of the body of Christ, regardless of their individual gifts and roles?
- What do you think are your gifts?
- Why would you think that your gift is as important as the one leading the worship service or those singing in the choir?

- Why are comparison and competition a disease that could ruin a good relationship in the church? On the other hand, how would complementing, working and cooperating with one another build up a church?
- How are differences in gifts a great asset to a church?
- Why do members of the body which seem to be weaker, still necessary (v. 22)?

Love and care for others by serving passionately and supporting one another for God's glory and for the people's edification (v. 27-31)

- What does Paul mean when he put together the "spectacular" gifts together with those you may consider "ordinary" gifts?
- Who gives the gifts and for what purpose?
- What should you do if you aren't sure of what your gifts are?
- Why should you believe that serving God is an honor and privilege, which should motivate you to serve Him?

REFLECT

What gift has God given you? Are you using your gift(s) to honor God and uplift others in the church community? How do you serve others in love and care? There are many opportunities to serve in your church. Take time to find out how you can contribute to the body of Christ.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for the diversity within the body of Christ. Thank You that when I allow myself to be used by You, You are able to do something amazing with what I have as You have designed me with. May You help me to recognize and always appreciate the value of the gifts that my brothers and sisters in the church have. May You help me to work in harmony with them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.