

Arkana Baptist Church

Small Group Discussion Guide For the week of February 7th 2021

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:13. What does Paul mean by “we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body?” What Spirit is Paul talking about? What Body?
2. The discussion of the Body in 1 Cor. 12:12-31 is in the broader context of Spiritual Gifts. Go back and read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Focus on vs. 6-7. What does Paul mean by “common good?”
3. What are some of the gifts God has given you? How might you use them to build up the body of Christ?
4. Re-examine vs. 24. It says that God gives “greater honor” to the parts of the body that lacked it. How does God do that? How might we in the church give “greater honor” to those who don’t feel honored?
5. Paul concludes this discussion of using our gifts in the body of Christ with his famous chapter 13 on love. In the words of Tina Turner, “What’s love got to do with it?”
6. Verse 26 of chapter 12 says that when one part suffers, we all suffer. And when one part is honored, we all rejoice. How are you at suffering with those who suffer and rejoicing with those who are honored? How can we do that better?

Pray this week - Holy Spirit. Thank you for giving me gifts to use in the church. Help me to use them in a way that builds up the Body of Christ. Help me to know what those gifts are, and how to use them for the glory of God and not for my own recognition. Keep me from causing division among your body. Let me play my role in the church with joy, loving my fellow members with the same love that you love me. Amen.

Daily Bible Reading- Monday: Romans 12:6-8; Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 14:12; Wednesday: Ephesians 4:7; Thursday: Isaiah 11:2; Friday: Hebrews 2:4