

# Small Group Guide

## Various Passages

### From the sermon - Church Metaphors Part I



*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love*

*Ephesians 4:15-16*

#### **Discuss**

1. Think of the metaphor "the church is a body." Which part of the human body would you say depicts your role in the church?
2. How do we gain entrance into it? Once you are "part" of it how should that make someone feel? How can we make sure a person feels that way?
3. How does unity strengthen the body of Christ? Why is unity so important? (Ephesians 4:11-16)
4. Where does the difference in gifts come into play? Why is it important for a Christian to use their specific gifts in the church? (Romans 12:4-5)
5. What about your own gifts? What are some ways the body of Christ may benefit from your own specific gifts? What keeps us from believing we are beneficial to the church?
6. How can you encourage others to use their gifts to edify the body of Christ?

#### **Pray**

Think of some people in your life that you need to strive for unity with, and pray that God mends those relationships. Pray that God continues to bring unity with other Christians in your life. Pray for opportunities to use your gifts to edify other believers.

#### **Do**

1. Make a list of things God has gifted you with.
2. Go through that list and put a checkmark on the gifts you are using.
3. Begin searching for ways you can use the other gifts you are not currently using.