

## ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further***

### ***International Bible Lessons***

#### **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

### **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

#### **1. Why might a foot say it is not a part of the body because it is not a hand?**

The hand might mislead the foot. The foot might think it is unimportant because it cannot do what a hand can do; therefore, the body does not need it. Other reasons? Of course, Paul is applying this to the church and church members for comparisons.

#### **2. What are some limitations the church might face if everyone only had one gift and every person was exactly the same as the other with the one same gift?**

If the members could only see, they could not communicate to anyone else what they saw or tell others what they were thinking about the meaning of what they saw. Members could not help each other. The Church could not share the gospel of Jesus Christ with people. Other limitations?

#### **3. Who arranged the members of the body and how was it done?**

God. As God chose. See 1 Corinthians 12:18

#### **4. What can be a consequence when some members of the body think they do not need other members of the body?**

They limit what they and the body can do together, because their feelings of superiority will have a bad effect on others and everyone’s desires to cooperate. Other ideas?

#### **5. What are two things members of the body of Christ can do together that we have learned from this lesson?**

Suffer together and rejoice together.