

## ***Study Guide on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31***

### **English Standard Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

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

(1 Corinthians 12:12) For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:13) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

(1 Corinthians 12:14) For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

(1 Corinthians 12:15) If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

(1 Corinthians 12:16) And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

(1 Corinthians 12:17) If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

(1 Corinthians 12:18) But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

(1 Corinthians 12:19) If all were a single member, where would the body be?

(1 Corinthians 12:20) As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

(1 Corinthians 12:21) The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

(1 Corinthians 12:22) On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

(1 Corinthians 12:23) and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

(1 Corinthians 12:24) which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,

(1 Corinthians 12:25) that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

(1 Corinthians 12:26) If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

(1 Corinthians 12:27) Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

(1 Corinthians 12:28) And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

(1 Corinthians 12:29) Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

(1 Corinthians 12:30) Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

(1 Corinthians 12:31) But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?