

Study Guide on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

New International 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) Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:13) For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body--whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

(1 Corinthians 12:14) Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

(1 Corinthians 12:15) Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being 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," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

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

(1 Corinthians 12:18) But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

(1 Corinthians 12:19) If they were all one part, where would the body be?

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

(1 Corinthians 12:21) The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

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

(1 Corinthians 12:23) and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

(1 Corinthians 12:24) while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

(1 Corinthians 12:25) so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

(1 Corinthians 12:26) If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

(1 Corinthians 12:27) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

(1 Corinthians 12:28) And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different 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 have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

(1 Corinthians 12:31) Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most 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?