



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 13 CHURCH GONE WILD: “One Body, Many Gifts”

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:4–7.** Paul says there are different gifts, services, and activities, but the same God empowers them all. Why does God give believers spiritual gifts? How does understanding that our gifts are for the “common good” change the way we view our abilities?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:14–21.** Which temptation do you think is more common: believing “I’m not needed” or believing “I don’t need them”? How does the gospel confront both insecurity and pride?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:22–26.** Paul calls some members who appear weaker “indispensable.” What does this teach us about how Jesus values people differently than the world does? Are there people or roles within the church that we are tempted to overlook?
4. The sermon said, “The higher or stronger your gift only means that someone else would be better off.” How does that statement challenge the way we normally think about giftedness? What would change if we measured our gifts by how well they serve others rather than how much recognition they bring us?
5. **Read Philippians 2:1–4.** Paul contrasts unity and humility with selfish ambition and “empty glory.” Where are you most tempted to seek approval, recognition, or glory from other people? How does remembering what Christ has already done for you free you from needing to prove your worth?
6. *The sermon connects our desire for glory back to the fall: humanity was separated from the glory of God through sin, but through Jesus we are reconciled to the Father.* How does the gospel satisfy the deeper longing underneath our desire to be noticed, valued, and significant? How might that change the way we serve?
7. **Personal application:** If every believer has been gifted by the Spirit to participate in building up Christ’s church, what might God be calling you to do that you have been leaving for “someone else”? What is one practical way you can use what God has given you this week to love someone, strengthen the church, and point someone toward Jesus?

Closing thought: Our gifts were never meant to make much of us. They are grace from God, empowered by God, given for the good of others, so that the body of Christ is strengthened and Jesus is made much of.

