

Small Group/Sermon Notes based on Tasked 6

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to follow Christ!
- This week: Be part of the Body. **1 Corinthians 12:27.**
 - 4 Fold Mission of the Church from 16 Fundamental Truths: Worship God, Evangelism, Disciple the Body of believers, Ministries of Compassion. You are part of that.
- Imagine the Local Church as the bottom level of the Ministry Pyramid.
 - The local church supports the other ministries. Such as: Youth Group, Missions, Small Groups, Kids Ministry, Radio Ministry, Personal Spiritual Growth, Church Planting, etc.
- So, let's look at this from 1 Corinthians 12.
 - Have you heard of spiritual gifts? **1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-6.**
 - That sounds fun! Who doesn't want spiritual gifts!!
 - But your gift isn't for you. **1 Corinthians 12:7.**
 - The gift is from God, for the common good. You are the carrier. Discuss that.
 - What if the UPS guy just took the truck home? Compare that to spiritual gifts.
 - There is one "common good." One Body. **1 Corinthians 12:12-13.**
 - Would you say this group needs help? That is where your gifts come in.
 - If you are a believer, you are part of the Body. **1 Corinthians 12:15-16.**
 - Have you believed that lie that you don't belong?
 - It's good to belong. But belonging brings responsibility.
 - If they are believers, they are part of the Body. **1 Corinthians 12:21.**
 - Have you ever undervalued someone else's role? Don't be like that.
 - On imperfections in the Body:
 - Have you noticed imperfect people sometimes come to church?
 - How should we respond? Evaluate the following 3 options:
 - #1: I won't come because of all of the "hypocrites."
 - That isn't a good reason to bury your talent.
 - #2: I'll be the self-appointed sanctification police! Please.
 - #3: If they put up with so and so, I must really be safe here!
 - If I am doing well it helps everyone, if not, it hurts everyone. **1 Cor 12:26.**
 - Church goes great when everyone is spiritually healthy and strong.
 - It doesn't go great when people get offended, slide back into the world, biff on their jobs, leaders are burned out, etc.
 - Many hands make light work. **2 Cor 8:13-14.**
 - Have you heard of the 80/20 principle? 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people.
 - What if everyone did their part in a healthy way?
 - No one would have to try to deliver someone else's gift.
 - There are seasons where I carry you, but then you carry me too.
 - Finish up with **Hebrews 12:1-3.**
 - There is a race marked out before you.
 - You belong. You have been given a charge, a gift to deliver.
 - There are lots of different things to look at along the way. Our problems, other people's faults, frustrating situations, etc. Has that affected you in the past?
 - Instead of looking there, let's look at Jesus. Run diligently for him.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!