

DISCUSSION GUIDE

to help us reflect further on the message

1. Talk about the similarities between organ transplants and the idea that God places us into the body of Christ. *In discussing this, remember that neither the part nor the body can function without the other.*
2. Discuss the following three passages from the New Testament: Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:11-12. *How do these verses help us understand the church, and our role in the church?*
3. Discuss in more detail the implications of Ephesians 4:7-16.
4. Discuss the following: *Everyone at Crabtree has at least one spiritual gift. These are gifts of God's grace, and come to us indirectly through Christ's work on the cross, and more directly through his Spirit.*
5. Discuss the following: *as individual parts of the body exist for the good of the whole, so individual members of the body of Christ exist for the good of the whole.*
6. How true is the following, and what are the implications for us today... *when we stay away from church, we displease the Holy Spirit, we deplete our resources, and we deal a death blow to the body of Christ.*
7. Romans 12:6 says, "We all have gifts according to the grace given to us." *How does this apply to us individually and as a church?*
8. Why is it important not to spend too much time discovering our spiritual gifts?