

# Discussion Questions for 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

## ***Bad Idea #4: Bigger, Louder, and More Impressive Is Better***

### **Understanding the Text**

1. In your own words, what picture does Paul paint of the church by describing it as a body?
2. Why do you think Paul spends so much time imagining body parts comparing themselves?
3. What does Paul mean when he says the “weaker parts are indispensable”?
4. How does God’s “arrangement” of the body (v. 24) challenge the way we normally measure importance?

### **Personal Reflection**

5. Have you ever felt like your contribution to the church or to others “didn’t matter” because it wasn’t visible or impressive? What made you feel that way?
6. Have you ever been tempted to compare your gifts, personality, or role to someone else’s?
7. Do you tend to minimize your value or overestimate your importance? Why?
8. Where in your life do you feel pressure to be impressive rather than simply faithful?

### **Church Culture & Community**

9. What are some ways churches today might accidentally communicate that certain gifts or roles are more important than others?
10. How can a church unintentionally make people feel like they don’t belong if they don’t “fit” certain expectations?
11. Why is honoring the overlooked and undervalued essential to the health of a church?
12. What would it look like for our church to more intentionally celebrate unseen faithfulness?

### **Living It Out**

13. What is one way you can serve faithfully in your current season without seeking recognition?
14. Is there someone in your church or life whose quiet faithfulness you could intentionally encourage this week?
15. How can you retrain your eyes to see value the way God does rather than the way culture does?
16. What does it mean for you personally to believe that you *belong* in the body of Christ?

## Going Deeper

17. Why do you think God designed the church so that we need one another rather than being spiritually self-sufficient?
18. How does this passage reflect the “abnormal normalness of the God of the cross”?
19. What does “mutual care” (v. 25) look like in real, practical terms?
20. After hearing this message, what is one mindset you need to change about how you view yourself or others in the church?