



**EMPOWERED PEOPLE  
LEADER GUIDE – February 2, 2020**

**PRIMARY PASSAGE**

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

<sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18-20 NIV)

**ICE BREAKER**

- What is the best team you've ever been a part of? (Could be middle school sports, corporate, paintball, etc.) Or, what's the best team you've ever witnessed? (1996 Chicago Bulls, 2019 LSU Tigers, Starsky and Hutch, Moana and Maui, etc.)
- Recap past values -> Gospel of Grace, Biblical Truth, and Authentic Relationships

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**1) Have you ever felt like you don't have much to offer the church/mission of God? What makes you feel this way?**

- We can easily and quickly compare the incredible things we see others do for God to the seemingly small contributions in our own life – we call this the comparison trap
- This happens when we believe the lies of our enemy that we are inadequate, not good enough, and will never measure up

**2) How does our passage from 1 Corinthians 12 change your frame of thinking about the part we all have to play? What happens when we don't play the part we were created for?**

- We all have a part to play – one body, many parts
  - Not all parts/roles are the same – Paul explains, “What would happen if we were all eyes, feet, etc.?”
  - All roles are incredibly important and are what allow us to accomplish our mission when we all play our part (ex. National Championship Game – Jefferson/Chase doubled covered most of the night, left Moss wide open! GEAUX TIGERS)
- Paul shares in 1 Corinthians 12:26 that when one part of the body suffers the whole body suffers
  - Which means, when we don't play our part -> something goes undone
  - We saw in week 1 (Gospel of Grace) in Ephesians 2:10 that God has prepared works in advance for us, when we don't follow through with them, they go undone. At times

other parts of the body try to cover it, but then they become overworked and can be hurt

**3) In Ephesians 4, Paul shares that the works of ministry isn't done by the "pastors/staff," but by the people. How does this change how you view our mission to help people meet, know, and follow Jesus at the Chapel?**

- Ministry isn't for the "professional Christians" (said tongue in cheek), but for all of us
  - It is easy for us to think, "That's for the staff to do. That's what they're there for." When in all reality, the staff's role is to equip you to do the works of ministry
- We'll get more into this in the personal response piece, but ask these questions – Are you ready/willing to do the works of ministry? Are you in a position to be equipped for the works of ministry?

**4) The body (of Christ) is able to work together because we all have our part to play. What part do you believe God has called you to? Where does your gifting intersect with your passions?**

- Once we are saved by the Gospel of Grace, the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts that empower us to play our part. One of the best ways to discern our spiritual gifts isn't necessarily to take spiritual gift inventories, but to be in deep/authentic relationships that allow people to see our gifting and call it out.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

**1) The Gospel changes people to change the world. Have you been changed by the Gospel of Grace? If so, how are you now changing your world?**

- We aren't empowered just to serve within the church, but to be the church to the world. How are you investing in those around you to build a relationship with those around you so that you can have gospel conversations?
- Would those around you know that you're a follower of Jesus if you didn't tell them? If not, why not?

**2) At the Chapel, we commit to do our part in equipping you to do the works of ministry. What's your next step to becoming equipped to become an empowered Jesus follower?**

- Upping attendance, deeper involvement in community group, stepping into a discipleship relationship (D-group), attending a Chapel class, regularly getting into the Word (Chapel Bible Plan), serving in some capacity, etc.

**3) Do you have any deep/authentic relationships with others who can help you identify your gifting, call it out of you, and encourage you to move forward? How can you seek to start and develop those relationships?**