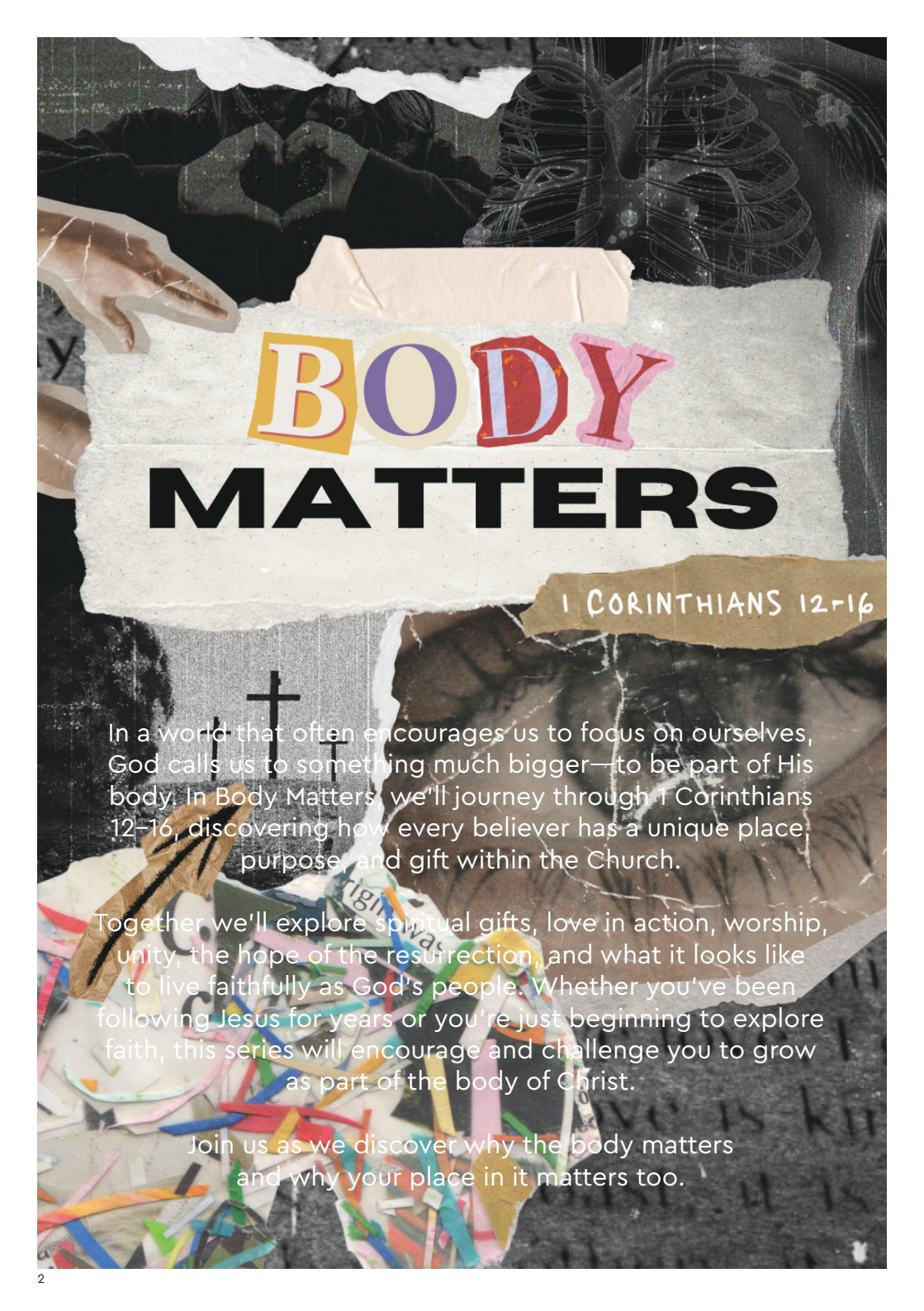


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In a world that often encourages us to focus on ourselves, God calls us to something much bigger—to be part of His body. In Body Matters, we'll journey through 1 Corinthians 12-16, discovering how every believer has a unique place, purpose, and gift within the Church.

Together we'll explore spiritual gifts, love in action, worship, unity, the hope of the resurrection, and what it looks like to live faithfully as God's people. Whether you've been following Jesus for years or you're just beginning to explore faith, this series will encourage and challenge you to grow as part of the body of Christ.

Join us as we discover why the body matters
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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is not meant to replace the Sunday sermon but is designed to help you apply the Biblical teaching given on a Sunday in your Life Groups. We don't want our Life Groups to feel like another 'mini-sermon', but rather to be places where we learn to obey what God says in Christian community. You can find our latest sermons here <https://oasischurch.com.au/audio/>

CHURCH SERVICES

Keep this guide with your Bible and bring it with you to church.

There is space for you to take down notes during the sermon as well.

LIFE GROUP

Use this guide during life Group each week. There are Life Group questions for each sermon in the series, and space to write down prayer points that come from the discussion that week or prayer requests from the members of your group.

PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Although this guide is primarily designed for Life Groups, it can also be used in personal devotions. After you have heard the sermon preached on the Sunday, go through this guide and use it to apply what you have learnt. It may be more natural to go through these questions with your family. There are also leader's guides available that give additional information to aid leaders in arriving at Biblical answers. Leaders use these to help them lead the group but you may find one beneficial in your personal devotions. If you would like a copy of a leader's guide please contact our team (lifegroups@oasischurch.com.au).

GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSION

Your group needs to be a safe place for all people to share and to enter the discussion. This means, all members of the group need to follow a few guidelines:

WE LEAD WITH GRACE

We respond to one another in light of what Christ has done for us, understanding that we are all in need of His grace, compassion, and mercy.

WE TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT

We can wrestle with ideas and disagree with one another without judgement, personal attack, or dismissal. We don't laugh at others when they've shared and no putdowns of any kind. These are the actions that make others withdraw and feel uneasy about sharing.

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, NOT 'FIX' ONE ANOTHER

Jesus does the 'fixing'. Give encouragement, speak truth, and point to Jesus. Don't try to solve or fix each other.

WE COMMIT TO CONFIDENTIALITY

What is said in the group should stay in the group unless permission is given to share it elsewhere. This is not to create a dysfunctional group that keeps unhealthy secrets. Instead, it is to create a culture of safety where everyone feels safe to share thoughts and feelings and knows that others will not find out.

WE DO NOT CROSSTALK

Crosstalk is a conversation during discussion time that leaves others out and can be hurtful. Each person should be free to express his or her feelings without interruptions.

Your group needs to agree with one another that you are committed to providing a safe place to be encouraged and challenged by the word of God and to let Him do a healing, sanctifying work in your lives.

If you have any concerns, you should speak to your group leader or get in contact with our team (lifegroups@oasischurch.com.au).

LIFE GROUPS

At Oasis, we believe that following Jesus was never meant to be done alone. God has designed us to grow best in community—walking with others, sharing life together, and encouraging one another in faith. One of the key ways we do this as a church is through Life Groups.

Life Groups are small gatherings of people who meet regularly in homes or at church. They're a space where you can slow down in the busyness of life and truly connect—with God, with His Word, and with each other. In these groups, people read the Bible together, pray for one another, share meals, laugh, serve, and build genuine friendships. Over time, Life Groups become like extended family—people who walk with you through the joys and challenges of life.

Whether you've been part of Oasis for years or you're just beginning to make it your home, joining a Life Group is one of the best next steps you can take. In a big church family, Life Groups make sure no one slips through the cracks. They are places where you can belong, be known, and be encouraged to keep growing as a disciple of Jesus.

We'd love for everyone at Oasis to be part of a Life Group. If you're not yet connected, why not make this the year you step in? There's a group waiting to welcome you.

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Let's walk together as we follow Christ.

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BIBLE READING PLAN

Join us as we journey through 1 Corinthians 12–16. As you read each day, ask God to speak through His Word and shape your heart to live more faithfully for Christ.

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." — 1 Samuel 3:9

WEEK 1 **CONCERNING** **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

SERMON: 1 Cor 12:1–11

Day 1 – 1 Cor 12:1–11
Day 2 – Romans 12:3–8
Day 3 – Ephesians 4:1–16
Day 4 – 1 Peter 4:7–11
Day 5 – Exodus 31:1–11
Day 6 – Eph 2:1–10

WEEK 2 **NO NOBODIES IN** **THE BODY**

SERMON: 1 Cor 12:12–31

Day 1 – 1 Cor 12:12–31
Day 2 – Romans 12:4–8
Day 3 – Eph 2:11–22
Day 4 – John 17:20–26
Day 5 – Psalm 133
Day 6 – Col 3:12–17

WEEK 3 **A LOVE** **SUPREME**

SERMON: 1 Cor 13:1–13

Day 1 – 1 Cor 13
Day 2 – John 13:31–35
Day 3 – 1 John 4:7–21
Day 4 – Col 3:12–17
Day 5 – Matt 22:34–40
Day 6 – Romans 8:31–3

WEEK 4 **TALKING ABOUT** **TONGUES**

SERMON: 1 Cor 14:1–25

Day 1 – 1 Cor 14:1–25
Day 2 – Acts 2:1–21
Day 3 – Eph 4:29–32
Day 4 – James 3:1–12
Day 5 – Isaiah 28:9–13
Day 6 – Psalm 19

WEEK 5 – **WHEN CHURCH** **GETS LOOSE**

SERMON: 1 Cor 14:26–40

Day 1 – 1 Cor 14:26–40
Day 2 – Heb 10:19–25
Day 3 – Acts 2:42–47
Day 4 – 1 Timothy 2:1–8
Day 5 – Psalm 100
Day 6 – Ecc 5:1–7

WEEK 6 **THE MOST** **IMPORTANT THING**

SERMON: 1 Cor 15:1–11

Day 1 – 1 Cor 15:1–11
Day 2 – Isaiah 53
Day 3 – Luke 24:1–35
Day 4 – Romans 5:1–11
Day 5 – Phil 2:5–11
Day 6 – John 20:19–31

WEEK 7 **WHY THE** **RESURRECTION** **REALLY MATTERS**

SERMON: 1 Cor 15:12–34

Day 1 – 1 Cor 15:12–34
Day 2 – Romans 6:1–14
Day 3 – John 11:17–44
Day 4 – 1 Peter 1:3–9
Day 5 – Revelation 21:1–8
Day 6 – Romans 8:18–25

WEEK 8 **HOW A** **RESURRECTION** **REALLY FEELS**

SERMON: 1 Cor 15:35–58

Day 1 – 1 Cor 15:35–58
Day 2 – 2 Cor 5:1–10
Day 3 – Phil 3:17–21
Day 4 – 1 Thes 4:13–18
Day 5 – Rev 21:9–27
Day 6 – Job 19:23–27

WEEK 9 **A SYMPHONY OF** **SERVICE**

SERMON: 1 Cor 16:1–24

Day 1 – 1 Cor 16
Day 2 – 2 Cor 8:1–15
Day 3 – Galatians 6:1–10
Day 4 – Phil 2:19–30
Day 5 – Matt 25:31–40
Day 6 – Heb 13:1–21



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CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

OBJECTIVE

This study will help us think through how God enables His people to do His work (i.e. through the gifts of the Spirit). There are many different gifts that are given (the ones here aren't a complete list), and they all exist to help us serve others, particularly in the church. This study will help us to consider how we are using our gifts.

SHARE TOGETHER

Check in with each other. Discuss some or all of the following questions:

- What has God been teaching you lately?
- How has God been stretching you?
- Where have you seen God working in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

Before you begin your discussion, spend time in prayer together. While catching up you may have identified some prayer points you should include. Be sure to pray that God makes you more like Jesus through this discussion.

PURSUE GOD

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

- 1 Who is the giver of the gifts? Why does this matter? (v.1)
- 2 Paul calls pagan idols 'dumb' (meaning mute). Why does he include this detail? (v.2)
- 3 What does verse 3 tell us about the ministry of the Holy Spirit (i.e., what does the Holy Spirit lead us to believe and say)? Why is it important to keep this in mind when thinking about spiritual gifts?
- 4 What point is Paul trying to make in verses 4-6? Again, why is this important to keep in mind when discussing spiritual gifts?

5 Why might Christians think that some gifts are preferable to others?

6 What is the purpose of the gifts? (v.7)

7 The list of gifts in verses 8–10 is not comprehensive (Paul lists more gifts in verse 28; as well as Romans 12:4–8; Ephesians 4:11; and 1 Peter 4:10–11). Without getting too bogged down, what stands out to you from this list? What questions do you have? What would you like to explore further? As you discuss, don't forget the purpose of the gifts (v.7).

8 What might happen if a Christian seeks a gift for selfish purposes? What could indicate whether a Christian is using a gift in a selfish way?

9 According to verse 11, can we choose our own gift? Why is this important to recognise? What might happen if we fail to recognise this?

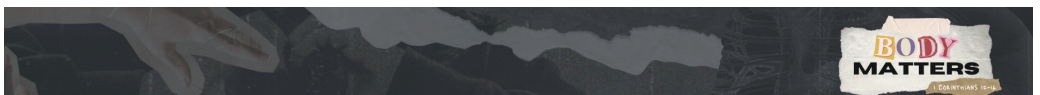
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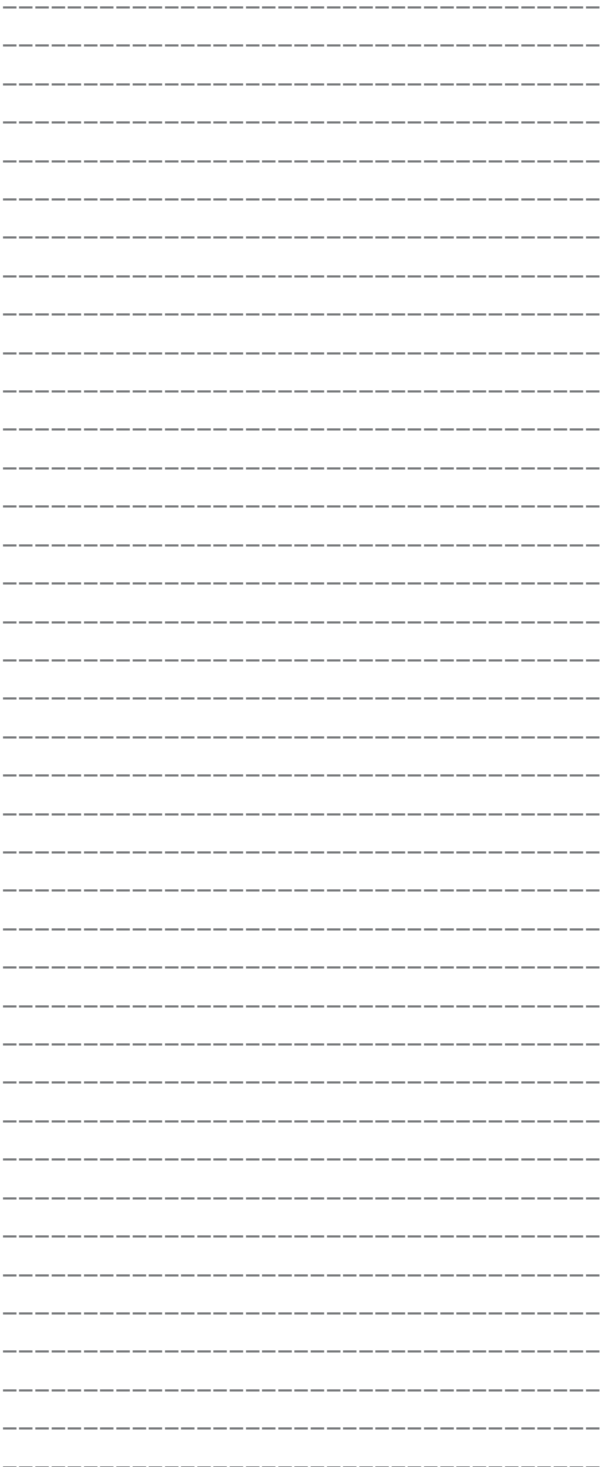
10 How might you encourage a brother or sister who feels discontent with their gifts?

11 The purpose of spiritual gifts is to serve others (v.7). If a Christian is not serving others by using the gifts God has given them, how does this impact the church?

PRAY

Father God, thank you for giving us gifts to serve You and Your church. Help us to see how we can best use those gifts and encourage others to do the same. Please also forgive us when our gifts cause us to feel pride or jealousy. Help us to be content with where you have placed us and be an encouragement to others in the same boat. In the name of Your Son we pray, Amen.

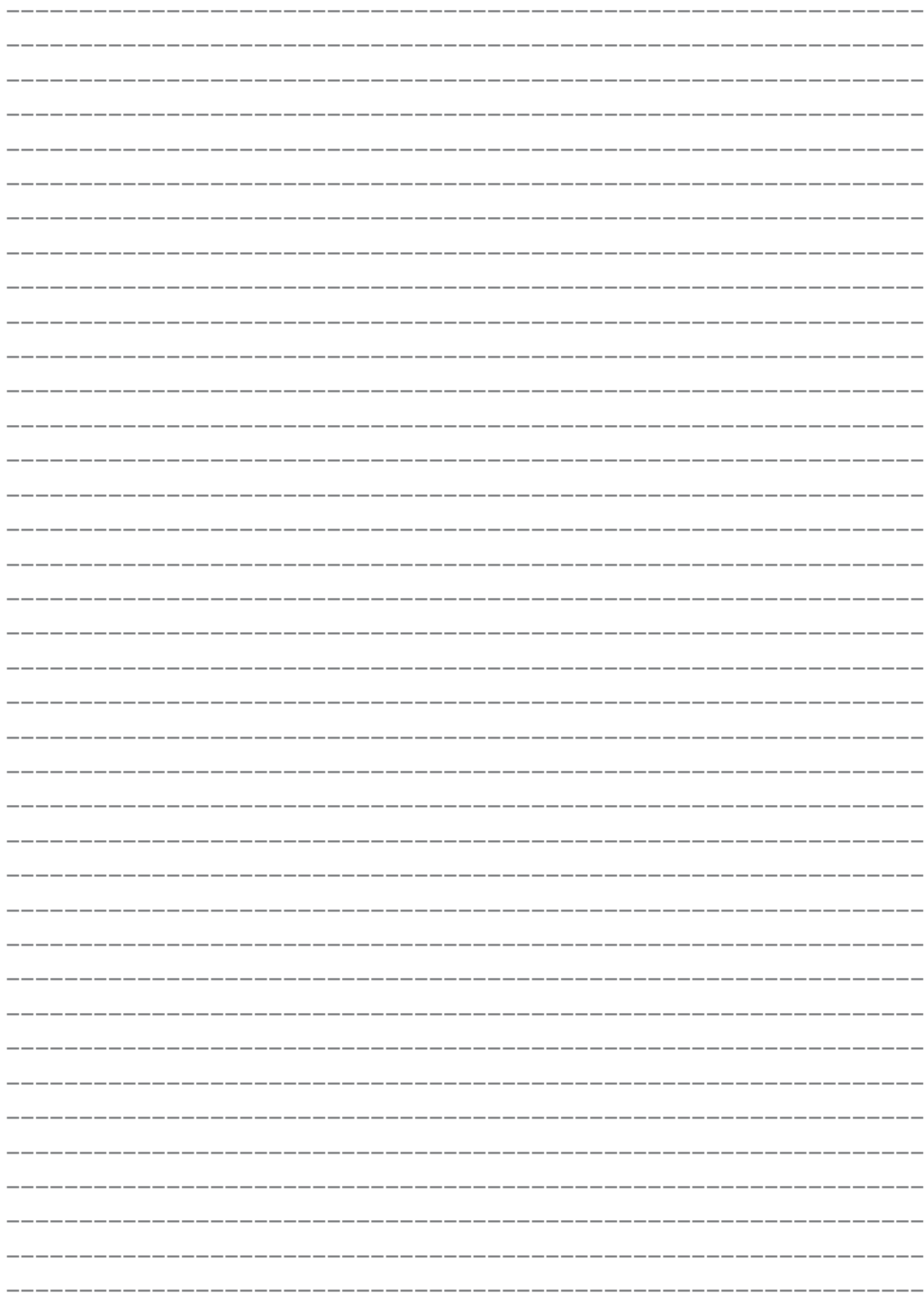


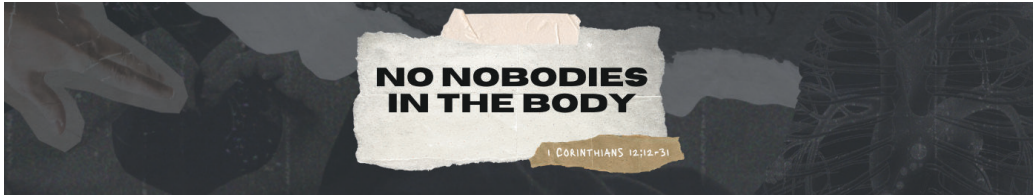


1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The church is made up of many different parts, just as our bodies are, and yet God made them both. Last week, we saw that there are different gifts for different purposes, but all for building up the church. This week, we read that Paul expands on this thought. Nobody in the church is dispensable, or as the title puts it: there are no nobodies in the body!







NO NOBODIES IN THE BODY

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

OBJECTIVE

This study will help us to think through what it means for the church to be built up of many different parts, and what it means to belong to this body. Paul also reminds us that when one part of the body feels pain, the rest of the body feels it too. We should also be considering our role in the body and how we are encouraging others in their role.

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- Where have you seen God working in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

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PURSUE GOD

- 1 What are some roles in the church that sometimes go unnoticed?



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

- 2 What is it that brings Christians together? (v.12-13)
- 3 Why is the human body an appropriate illustration of the church?
- 4 Why might some Christians feel that their role in the life of the church is somehow less valuable than others? (v.15-16) Have you ever felt this way?
- 5 Why is each part of the body equally valuable? (v.17-18)

6 What might happen if some parts (roles) are neglected or left unfulfilled?

7 What might cause someone to think that they (or their role) are more important than another? (v.21)

8 What is Paul's point in verses 22–23? What might this look like practically in the life of a church?

9 What does it mean to have equal concern for each part of the body? (v.25–26) Again, what could this look like practically?

10 Paul provides an additional list of gifts/roles in verse 28. What stands out to you? What questions do you have? What would you like to explore further?

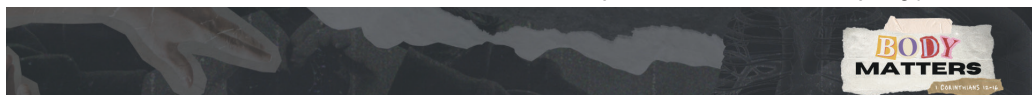
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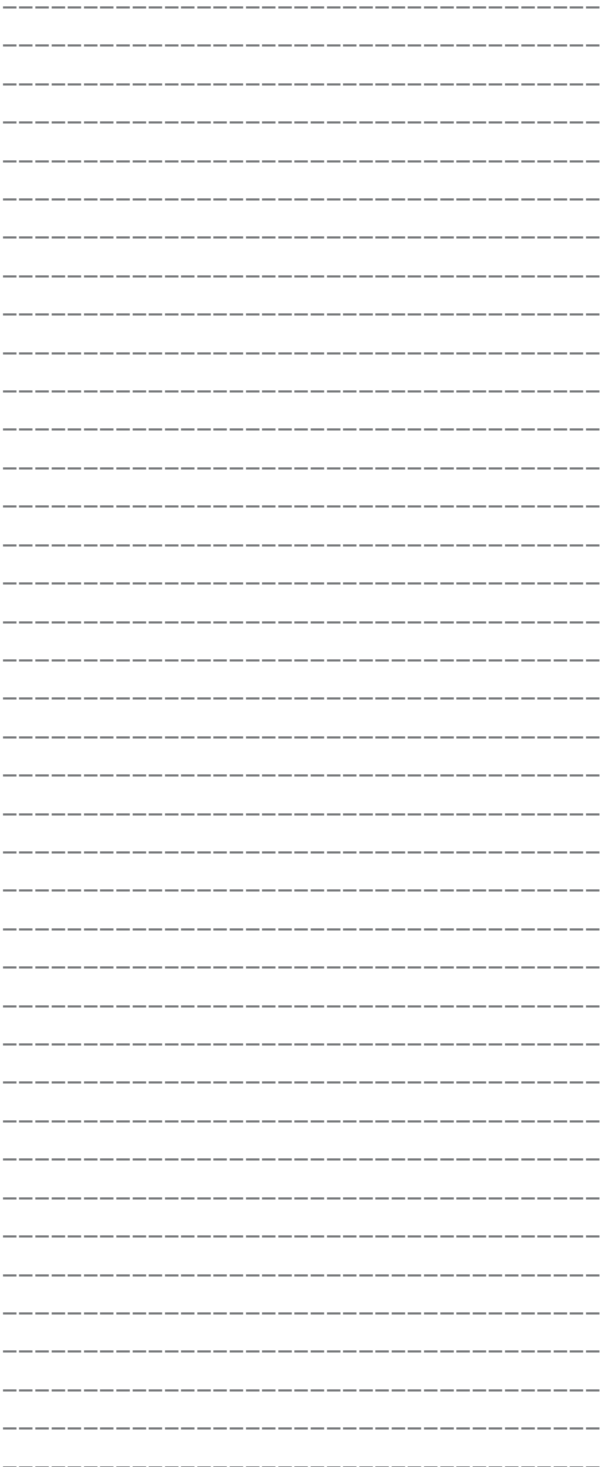
11 Paul tells the church to eagerly desire the greater gifts in verse 31 (meaning the gifts that build up and serve others). Considering what we've talked about, how can you follow this command?

12 How can you seek to encourage and build up people who serve in roles that might go unnoticed in the life of our church?

PRAY

Heavenly Father. You created and designed our bodies, and You likewise created and designed the body of Christ, the church. Where we have neglected part of the body, bring that to light and help us to give it 'special honour', so that You may be glorified. Thank you for the gifts that you have equipped us with to serve Your kingdom. Where we face jealousy or pride in relation to our gifts, please humble us and bring us contentedness and joy. Thank you most of all for sending Your Son, Jesus. Not only did He serve us, but He laid down His life for us so that we might find life in You. In His precious name we pray, Amen.





1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Paul has previously mentioned love (cf. 1 Cor 8:1, 3), but what is this love? What does it look like? What does it sound like? These are the questions that Paul looks to answer. Much like our modern world, the Corinthians (and most of the Greco-Roman world) had their own ideas about love. But the kind of love Paul is talking about is different; it is not based on human emotion or thought, but on the unchanging and everlasting love of God!



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A LOVE SUPREME

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

OBJECTIVE

As we go through this passage, we will explore what it looks like to live out the radical call to love like Christ. We will be challenged by what this kind of love looks like, especially because of the sacrifice it will take and the way the world perceives it. Hopefully, we will also be encouraged by our brothers and sisters walking this path alongside us, seeking to love in the same radical, godly way.

SHARE TOGETHER

Check in with each other. Discuss some or all of the following questions:

- How has God been stretching you?
- Where have you seen God working in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

Before you begin your discussion, spend time in prayer together. While catching up you may have identified some prayer points you should include. Be sure to pray that God makes you more like Jesus through this discussion.

PURSUE GOD

- 1 In your own words, what is Paul's point in verses 1-3?
- 2 Do you agree with the following quote: 'Acts of self-sacrifice are wasted without love'? Why or why not?
- 3 Paul describes Christ-like love in verses 4-6. How does this differ from what the world says about love?
- 4 Take some time to think about your own heart and practices. Which attributes of love on this list do you struggle with most? Keep these in mind, we will talk about them in the 'Live it Out' section.
- 5 What does Paul mean by 'love never fails' (v.8)?

6 What does Paul mean when he says that prophecies, tongues and knowledge will 'pass away'? (v.8-9)

7 Just as we mature physically from a child to a grown-up, Paul says that we mature spiritually in a similar way (v.11). Would you say that you are maturing spiritually? Why or why not? What might it look like (keep in mind the context of this passage)?

8 Paul compares our current viewpoint as seeing a reflection in a mirror. What does it mean that in the future we will see 'face to face' (v.12)?

9 What does it mean to 'know fully, even as I am fully known' (v.12)? Consider Psalm 139:1-4: 'You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.'

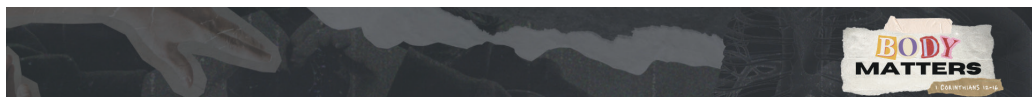
LIVE IT OUT

10 Thinking back to the attributes of love you struggle with (Q.4), identify someone in your life who lives them out well. How do you see them living it out? Come up with a plan of how you can learn from them as they follow Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). This could involve asking them directly and asking for their help and guidance.

11 What might it look like for you specifically to take steps towards spiritual maturity?

PRAY

Father God, how amazing and radical is the love that you display and call us to! We admit that it seems difficult to live up to this and to reconcile that fact that this kind of love never fails, even when we do. Help us to look to you for our help and strength. Would you guide us, day by day, to become more like you. Help us to look to those around us who walk well in the areas where we struggle and seek to imitate them as they imitate Christ. In His name we pray, Amen.



1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25

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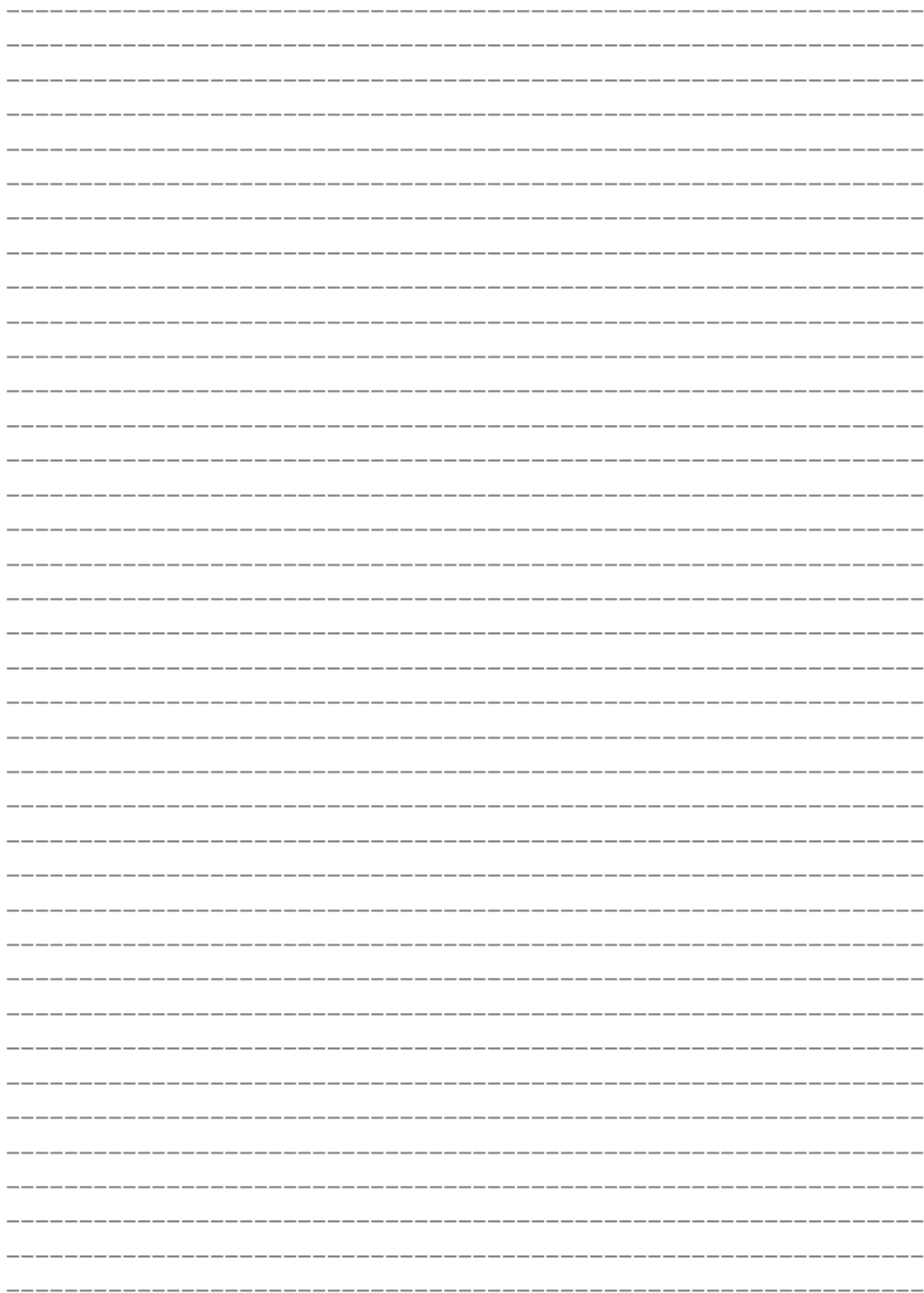
1 Corinthians 14:1-25

CONTEXT

Paul is building on the previous chapter in order to provide a foundation for the use of the gifts of the Spirit. The Corinthians desired the gifts, but for the wrong reasons; to glorify themselves rather than glorifying God. As Paul moves through the passage, he is careful to highlight the fact that the primary role of the gifts is to build up the church, with a secondary role to witness to unbelievers. There is no role for the gifts to glorify the one given them.

BODY MATTERS

1 CORINTHIANS 12-16





TALKING ABOUT TONGUES

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25

OBJECTIVE

As we study this passage, we should be thinking through how we are using our gifts to serve the church. It can be easy to lose sight of our mission as we go through the motions of life, but Paul tells us to eagerly desire the gifts in order to serve God and build up the church.

SHARE TOGETHER

Check in with each other. Discuss some or all of the following questions:

- What has God been teaching you lately?
- How has God been stretching you?
- Where have you seen God working in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

Before you begin your discussion, spend time in prayer together. While catching up you may have identified some prayer points you should include. Be sure to pray that God makes you more like Jesus through this discussion.

PURSUE GOD

- 1 What is your understanding regarding tongues? What questions do you have? What do you hope to learn in this study?
- 2 Last week in chapter 13, Paul talked about the way of love. Here in chapter 14, Paul says to follow the way of love and to also eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit (v.1). Why do you think he highlights both of those things?
- 3 Why does Paul desire that everyone should prophesy over speaking in tongues (v.5)?
- 4 What is the role of prophecy (v.3)?

5 What should be the primary focus of the people of God (v.6, 12)?

6 What is Paul's point in verses 7–9? What does it mean to be clear as a follower of Jesus? What about for us as a church?

7 Paul speaks again on building up the church in verses 13–19, rather than focusing on our own gain. How should these verses shape the way we do church together?

8 What does it mean to be infants in regards to evil, but adults in thought? (v.20)

9 What is the desire that Paul has for unbelievers witnessing Christians in church (v.24–25)? How should this shape the way we do church?

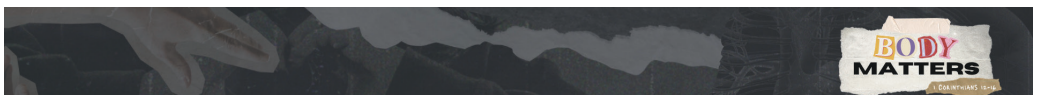
10 Discuss the following quote: 'We are not to look to the Holy Spirit simply to meet our own needs so that we feel contented and at peace, but rather to equip us to reach out to others' (Vaughan Roberts). What could this look like for us?

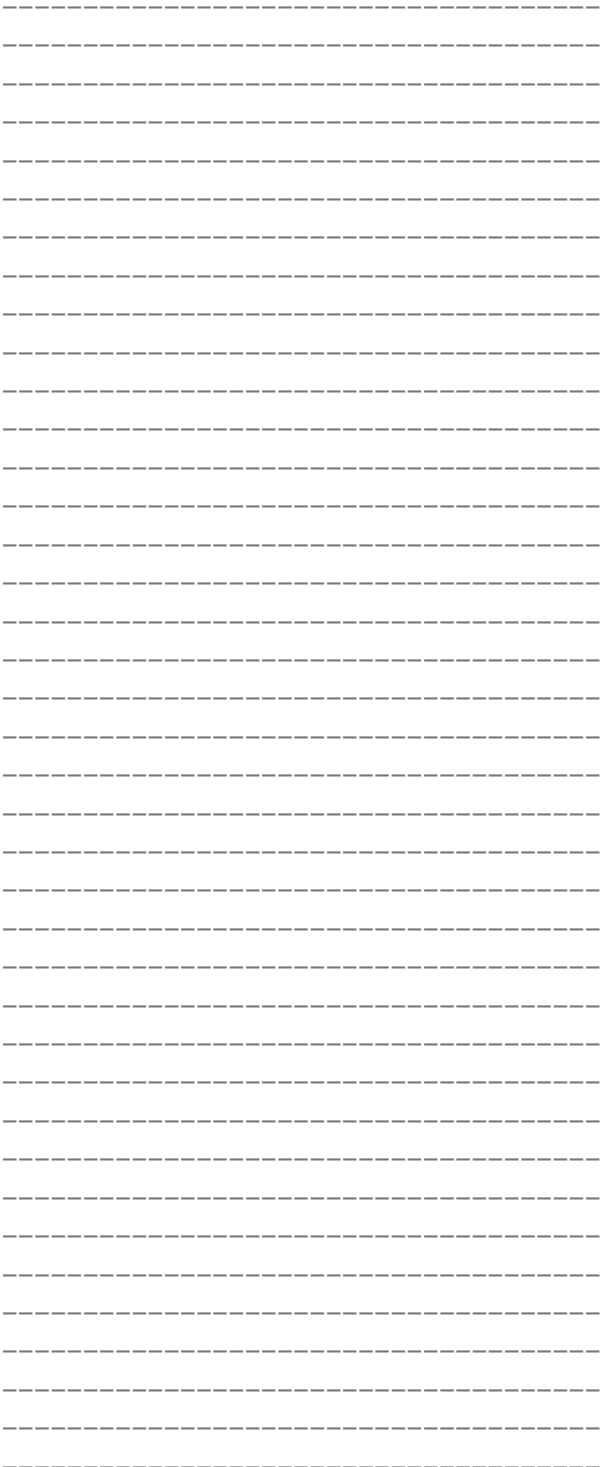
LIVE IT OUT

11 Paul is talking about what church should look like, both in how the believers should act and how the unbelievers should react. What is something you can change in what you do to better reflect the vision for the church in this passage?

PRAY

Father God, thank you for the good gifts that you have given us to build up the church. Help us to eagerly pursue that which accomplishes your mission. Help us to consider how we are using our gifts in church and also to witness to unbelievers. Grant us wisdom to understand what we should do to glorify Your name. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

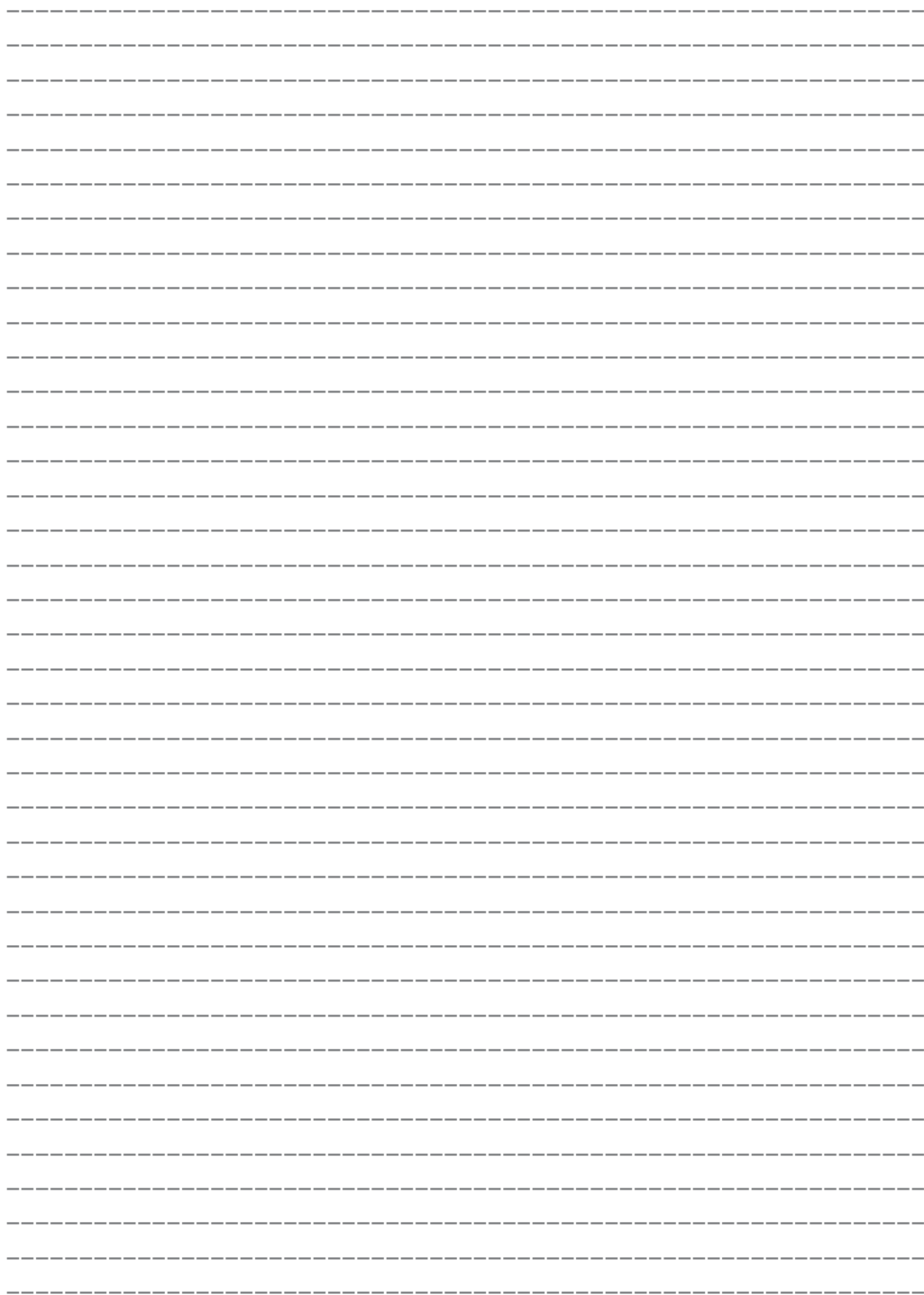




1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Paul concludes his teaching on spiritual gifts by addressing disorder in Corinthian worship gatherings. While gifts such as tongues and prophecy are valuable, they must be exercised in ways that strengthen the church. God is not a God of disorder but of peace, so gathered worship should be orderly and edifying.





WHEN CHURCH GETS LOOSE

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study is to help us understand that spiritual gifts are given to build others up, not to draw attention to ourselves. This study will, hopefully, help us recognise that healthy church gatherings balance freedom and order, and it should help us learn how every believer can contribute in ways that promote peace, unity, and mutual encouragement.

SHARE TOGETHER

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PRAY TOGETHER

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PURSUE GOD

- 1 Have you ever experienced a church gathering that felt chaotic? What made it uncomfortable or memorable?
- 2 Think about an encouraging church service or meeting you've attended. What made it particularly encouraging or memorable?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

- 3 According to verse 26, what should be the purpose of everything done in our gatherings? What do you think this means?

4 What instructions does Paul give regarding speaking in tongues (v.27-28)?

5 How should prophecy function within the church (v.29-33)?

6 What does verse 33 reveal about God's character?

7 Why do you think Paul emphasises self-control among those exercising spiritual gifts?

8 How do verses 39-40 summarise Paul's overall message?

9 What tension do you see between freedom and order in these instructions?

LIVE IT OUT

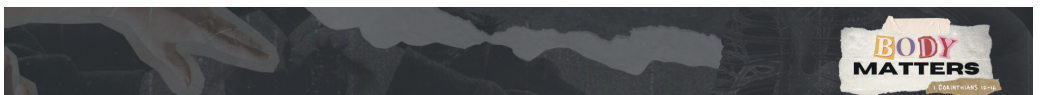
10 How can you contribute to building others up when God's people gather?

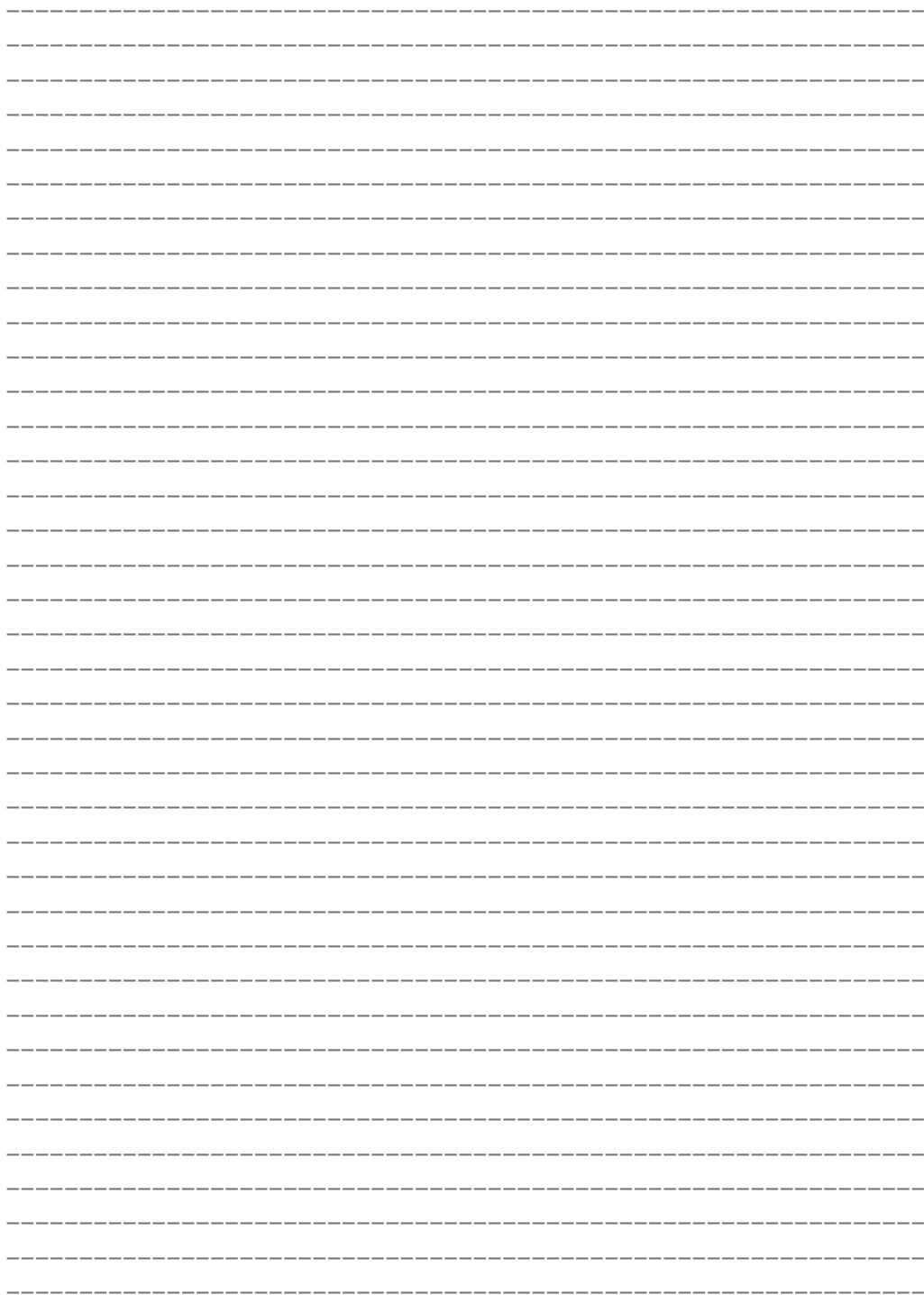
11 In what ways can we pursue both spiritual passion and godly order?

12 How can our Life Group create an environment where everyone is encouraged and strengthened?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving gifts to your people for the good of the church. Help us to use what you have given us with humility, love, and wisdom. Make us people who build others up and reflect your peace in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.





THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study is to help us rediscover the centrality of the gospel and recognise that Christianity stands on the historical death and resurrection of Jesus. This study aims to help us grow in gratitude for God's grace and gain confidence in sharing the good news with others.

SHARE TOGETHER

Check in with each other. Discuss some or all of the following questions:

- What has God been teaching you lately?
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PRAY TOGETHER

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PURSUE GOD

- 1 What is something people often treat as important but really isn't?
 - 2 If you had to describe Christianity in one sentence, what would you say?
- READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11
- 3 What gospel message does Paul remind the Corinthians of (v.3-4)?

- 4 Why does Paul emphasise eyewitnesses to the resurrection (v.5-8)?

5 What does Paul say about his own unworthiness (v.9)? Why do you think he does this?

6 According to verse 10, what role did God's grace play in Paul's life and ministry?

7 Why do you think Paul repeatedly uses the word "received"?

8 How does Paul's testimony support the reliability of the gospel?

LIVE IT OUT

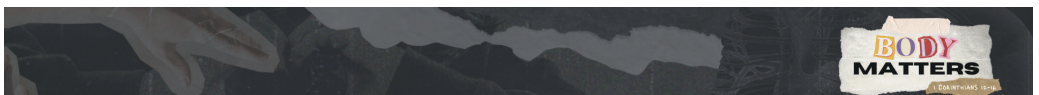
9 What truths of the gospel do you most need to remember right now?

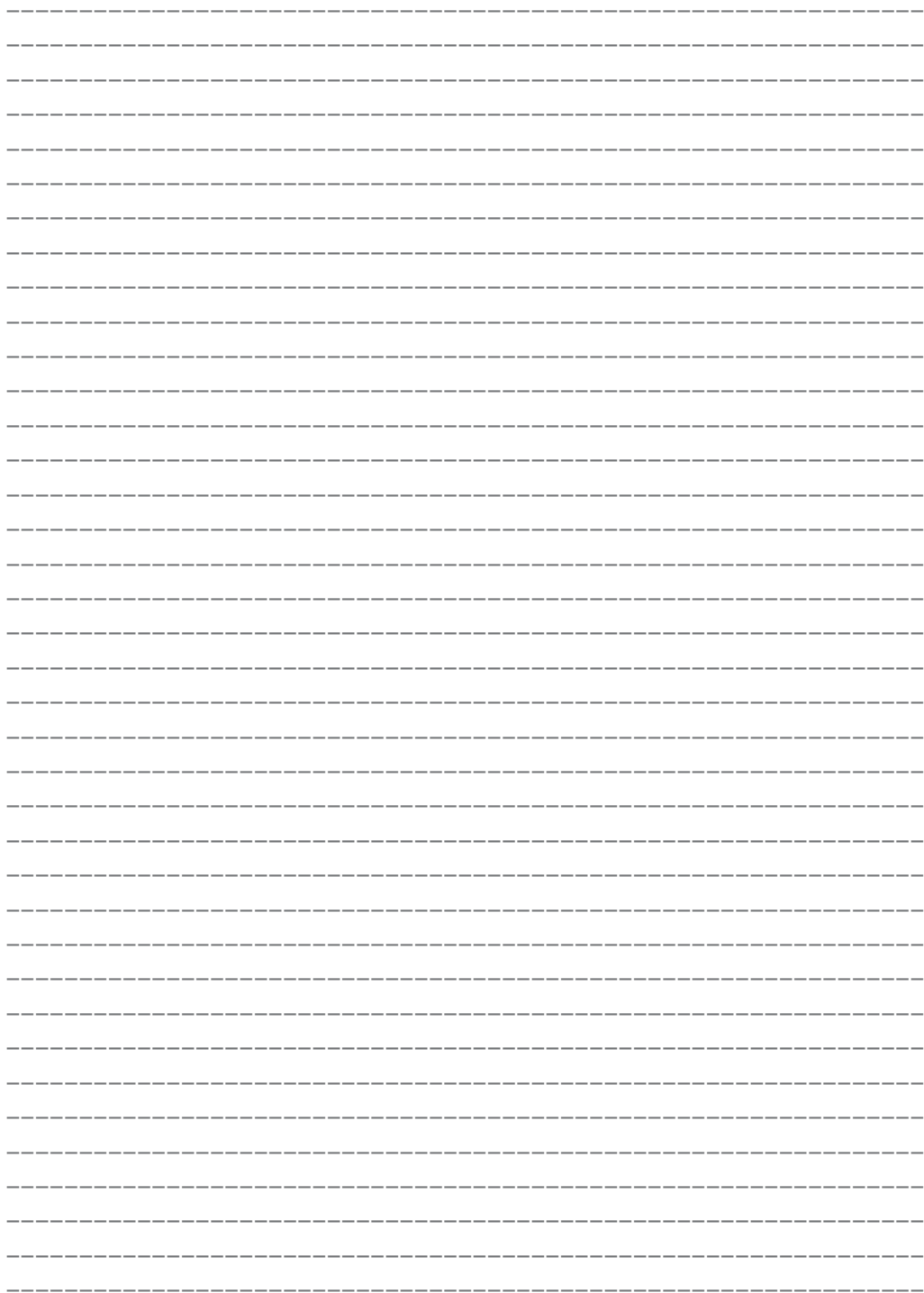
10 How has God's grace shaped your story?

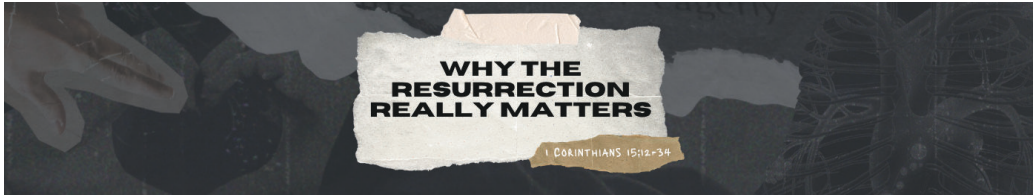
11 How could you explain the gospel simply to someone who does not know Jesus?

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for our sins and rising again in victory. Please help us to keep the gospel at the centre of our hearts and lives. Help us never to forget your grace, and give us the courage to share the good news with others. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.







WHY THE RESURRECTION REALLY MATTERS

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-34

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study is to help us understand that the resurrection is essential to Christian belief and hope. It aims to help us recognise that Jesus' resurrection guarantees our future resurrection and gives meaning, courage, and purpose to life in the present.

SHARE TOGETHER

Check in with each other. Discuss some or all of the following questions:

- What has God been teaching you lately?
- How has God been stretching you?
- Where have you seen God working in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

Before you begin your discussion, spend time in prayer together. While catching up you may have identified some prayer points you should include. Be sure to pray that God makes you more like Jesus through this discussion.

PURSUE GOD

- 1 What gives you hope when facing difficult circumstances?
- 2 Have you ever believed something that later turned out to be completely wrong? What happened? How did that make you feel?



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-34

- 3 What consequences would follow if there were no resurrection (v.12-19)?
- 4 What does Paul mean when he calls Christ "the firstfruits" (v.20)? What significance does this have for back then and today?

5 How does Paul compare Adam and Christ (v.21-22)?

6 What future events does Paul describe in verses 23-28?

7 Why does Paul say believers should "eat and drink" if the dead are not raised (v.32)?

8 What warning does Paul give about bad company (v.33)?

9 How does belief in the resurrection affect Paul's willingness to suffer?

LIVE IT OUT

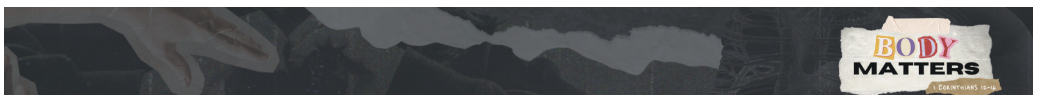
10 How does the promise of resurrection influence the way you view death and suffering?

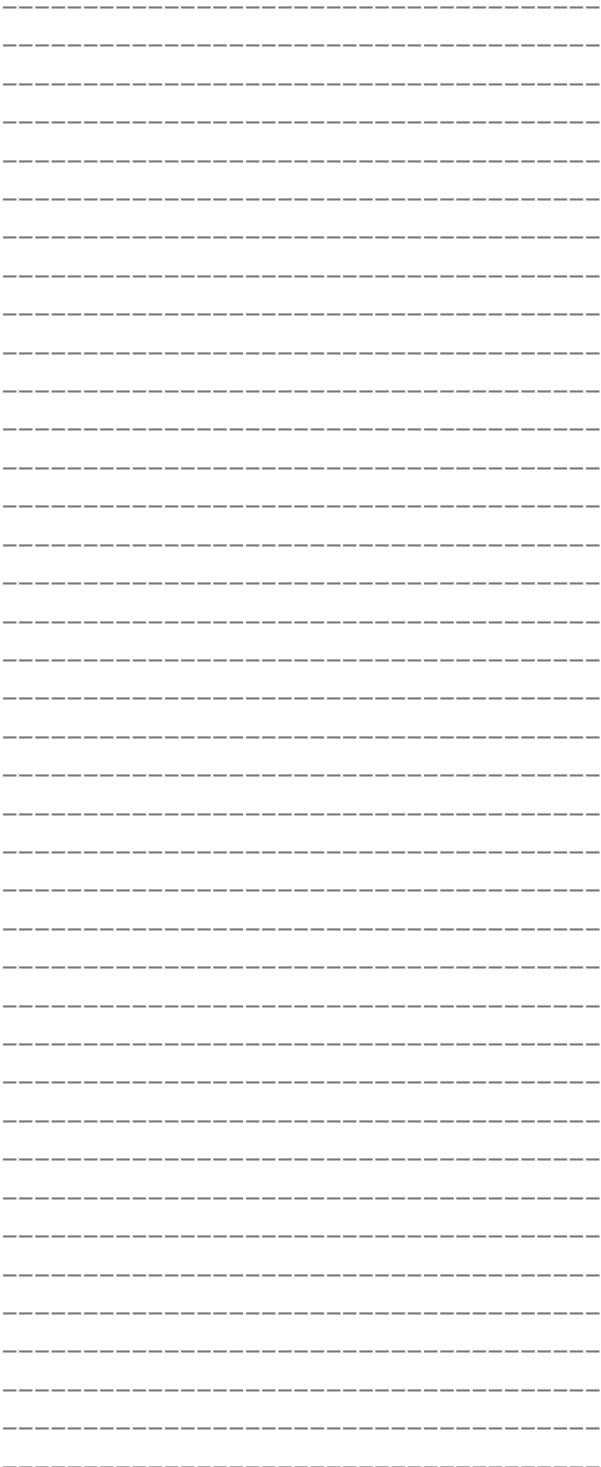
11 Where do you need renewed hope today?

12 How can eternal hope shape your priorities this week?

PRAY

Father, thank you that because Christ is risen, we have a living hope. Strengthen us when life is difficult and remind us that death does not have the final word. Help us to live each day with confidence, joy, and eternal perspective. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



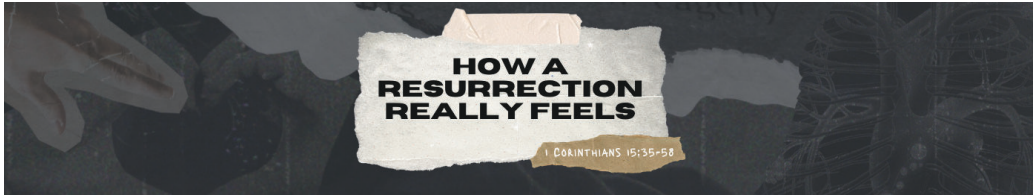


1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Paul addresses questions about the nature of resurrected bodies. Using illustrations from creation, he explains that God will transform believers from perishable bodies into imperishable ones. The resurrection will bring complete victory over death through Jesus Christ and provide confidence for faithful living.



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HOW A RESURRECTION REALLY FEELS

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-58

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study is to help us appreciate the future hope Christians possess in bodily resurrection. This study aims to help us understand that God's work of salvation includes the renewal of creation, and it should help us understand that certainty about the future enables steadfast and fruitful service in the present.

SHARE TOGETHER

Check in with each other. Discuss some or all of the following questions:

- What has God been teaching you lately?
- How has God been stretching you?
- Where have you seen God working in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

Before you begin your discussion, spend time in prayer together. While catching up you may have identified some prayer points you should include. Be sure to pray that God makes you more like Jesus through this discussion.

PURSUE GOD

- 1 If you could instantly fix one thing about the world, what would it be?
 - 2 What future event are you currently looking forward to most?
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- READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-58
- 3 How does Paul use the image of a seed to explain resurrection (v.36-38)?
 - 4 What contrasts does Paul make between present and future bodies (v.42-44)? What do you think some of these terms might mean?

5 How are Adam and Christ compared in this section (v.45–49)?

6 Why cannot “flesh and blood inherit the kingdom of God” (v.50)?

7 What mystery does Paul reveal in verses 51–52?

8 What victory song does Paul quote in verses 54–55? Why is this significant?

9 How does verse 58 connect future hope with present obedience?

LIVE IT OUT

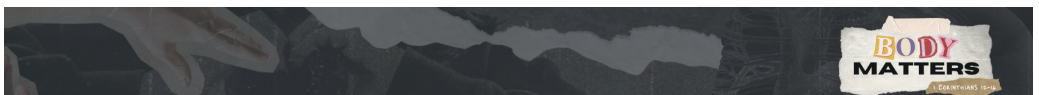
10 How does knowing death has been defeated affect your outlook on life?

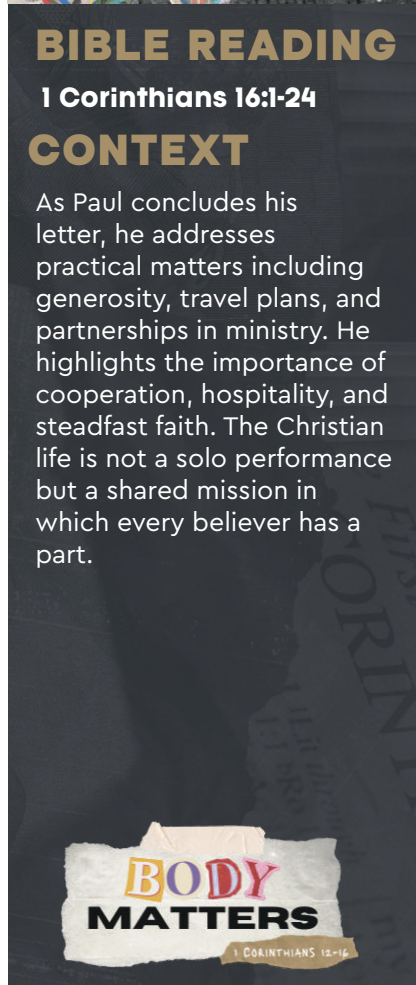
11 What helps you remain steadfast when life is difficult?

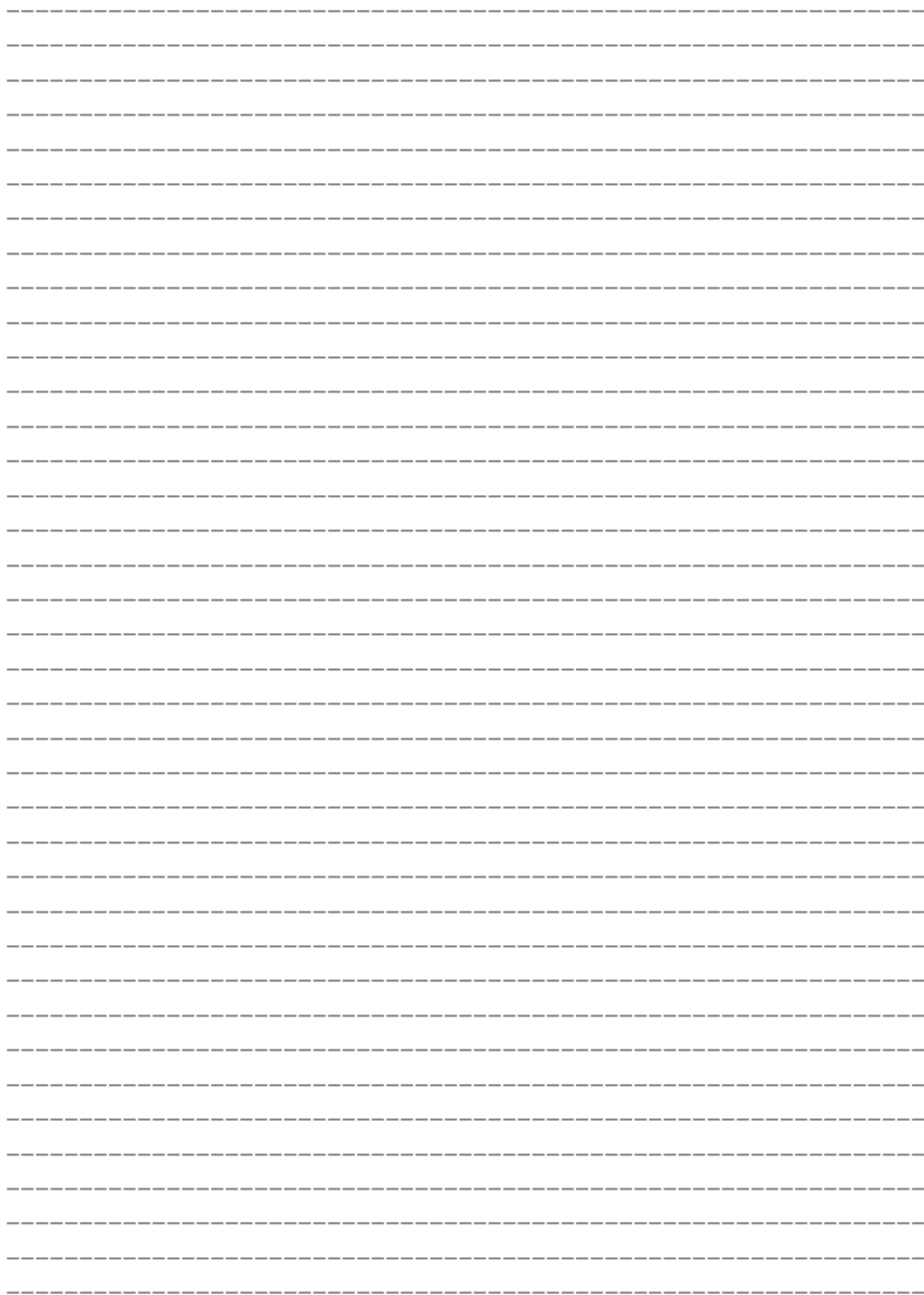
12 In what ways can you “always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord” (v. 58)?

PRAY

God of hope, thank you for the promise that one day you will make all things new. Thank you that death has been defeated through Jesus. Help us to stand firm, remain faithful, and give ourselves fully to your work, knowing that our labour in you is never in vain. Amen.



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A SYMPHONY OF SERVICE

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-24

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study is to help us see that faithful discipleship involves practical service, generosity, and partnership with others. It aims to help us recognise our role in God's mission and be encouraged to serve with consistency, courage, and love alongside our wider church family.

SHARE TOGETHER

Check in with each other. Discuss some or all of the following questions:

- What has God been teaching you lately?
- How has God been stretching you?
- Where have you seen God working in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

Before you begin your discussion, spend time in prayer together. While catching up you may have identified some prayer points you should include. Be sure to pray that God makes you more like Jesus through this discussion.

PURSUE GOD

- 1 Who is someone whose behind-the-scenes service has made a difference in your life?
- 2 What team or group have you most enjoyed being part of, and why?



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

- 3 What instructions does Paul give regarding the collection for God's people (v.1-2)?
- 4 Why do you think Paul describes opportunities and opposition together in verse 9?

- 5** What do Paul's travel plans reveal about his priorities?
- 6** How does Paul encourage the Corinthians to treat Timothy (v.10–11)? Why might he do that?
- 7** What picture of partnership emerges from this passage?
- 8** What commands does Paul give in verse 13? Why are these important?
- 9** Why do you think practical matters occupy so much of Paul's concluding remarks?

LIVE IT OUT

- 10** How can you serve others more intentionally this season?
- 11** What opportunities for generosity has God placed before you?
- 12** Which command in verse 13 do you most need to grow in: being watchful, standing firm, being courageous, or being strong?

PRAY

Father, thank you for calling us to serve together as one body. Teach us to be generous, faithful, and courageous in the work you have entrusted to us. Help us to encourage one another and gladly play our part in your mission. In Jesus' name, Amen.

