



Milestone #4: What is My New Purpose?

Lesson 8 – Romans 12:3-16

Please read the scripture and watch the video first. Then use the questions below to begin your discussion of the message in your group.

Summary:

As the family of God, we live in community with one another – a diverse, yet unified community. We've each been given specific gifts – never to be compared or boasted about. We use these gifts to serve one another and build one another up.

Definitions:

- **Body.** A person's physical structure made up of many parts. The body of Christ is a single entity made of up of all its various members.
- **Spiritual Gifts.** The specific abilities God has implanted within us so that we can provide the various needed functions to the body of Christ.

Ice Breaker Question:

- What team sport do you enjoy most, either as a player or a spectator?

Discussion Questions:

- Consider your physical body. How does one body part serve the other parts?
- What keeps us as members of the body of Christ from thinking of ourselves as a community? What hinders us from serving one another?
- If we compare ourselves to one another, we might begin to feel inferior or not good enough. Or we might feel superior and full of an unhealthy pride? What can we do to avoid these comparisons?
- What are some of the results of a faith community living in harmony with one another? Can you think of some negative results when disharmony prevails?
- What spiritual gifts has God given to you to contribute to the common good of your community?