

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM  
All for One And One For All  
Sermon 19.6.10  
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Small Group Study for Week of June 19-25  
If there is limited time, answer the questions with the \* first.

**The Big Idea**

In a world where individualism is king, the Bible teaches a different way. We were made for and grow best within a Christian Community, where each of us is doing our part. As the musketeers used to say, “All for One and One For All.”

**Group Reads: Exodus 17:8-13 page 50**

**Comment:** This is the first time Joshua is mentioned in the Bible and Hur is traditionally regarded as Miriam’s husband.

- \*1. What were the different roles each person played in the story?
- \*2. Which role was the most important?
- 3. Who got the credit? Did it matter?
- \*4. What relevance does this story have for us today?

**Group Reads: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-29**

**Comment:** The word “uninformed” in verse 1 (TNIV) is the Greek word a`gnoein (agnoein) best translated “ignorant.” There is a monument in Corinth called the Asklepieion, a sanctuary named after the Greek god of healing, Askiepios. Patients would bring terra cotta figurines of the part of their bodies needing to be healed and these figurines would be stored in the sanctuary.

5. According to the above verses, who determines who gets what gifts? What does the mean for our pride or feelings of insignificance? (See also Acts 2:37,38 page 746)

- \*6. What is the purpose of the gifts? (see especially verse 7 and Ephesians 4:11,13 page 801)
- \*7. What are the spiritual gifts of those of us in this small group?
- \*8. How do those in our small group fulfil verse 1 ie ignorant/uniformed or knowing?

**Comment:** CCCC has very specific processes for helping people discover their spiritual gifts and become involved in ministry. Small group leader can take a list of names of those who would like to learn more about their spiritual giftedness and how to be involved in a ministry and pass those names on in this weeks small group report for our next seminar.

9. What place is there for individualism in the importance of the gifts and use in the body?

10. Discuss what the above verses say about community and how we are to relate to each other, include the story from Exodus.

11. What do the above verses tell us about Paul's (the writer of 1 Corinthians) understanding of and use of the surrounding culture? What lessons are there for us?

\*12. God has commanded us to be in community where we help each other, change and grow with Jesus Christ. Since this is God's plan for us, how would the devil go about destroying this community? Is Satan succeeding? How could we be used by Satan to destroy community? How could we be used by God to build community?

13. Anything else from these verses?

14. What is our small group going to do in the area of community building this week?