

## Live Out Your Role on the Team Romans 12:3-8

**Don't think too highly of yourself. We are all given the same measure in Christ.** Romans 12:3

*"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith."*

- **Being loved unconditionally by the creator God makes you quite special enough without imagining that your worldly importance can make you any more so.**
- **"Measure of faith" - Basic Christian faith given equally by God. Our faith in God is the measure and we all have it. All our different gifts stem from the one common grace.**

**We are all different and that's a good thing because we are all on the same team.** Romans 12:4-5

*"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."*

- **We are part of a team! We all play different positions and that's the only way to succeed.**
- **Our natural tendency to selfishness and individualism fights against the concept of the body of Christ, but the renewed mind produces a different attitude.**
- **Do I celebrate or do I compare when God is working through someone else?**

## Since we are different, we all need to participate and use our gifts. Romans 12:6-8

*"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly..." - Romans 12:6*

- **We all have different gifts (*charismata*) but each one is the product of God's grace (*charis*), which all believers have in common. The diversity within unity is what makes the church so rich and strong.**  
1 Peter 4:10; 1 Timothy 4:14
  
- **The gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8**
  - **Prophecy according to proportion of faith** – speaking the words that God “puts into your mouth”
  - **Service** – the work that Christians do on behalf of others and to the glory of God. This gift could qualify one to the role of deacon, but emphasizes that even leaders must serve.
  - **Teaching** – passing on the truth of the gospel
  - **Exhortation** – can be translated as comforter or encourager, but coming here after teaching most likely means *“urging Christians to live out the truth of the gospel”*
  - **Giving with liberality** – “liberality” (*haplotēs*) is more fully translated as with “singleness of heart and intent.”
  - **Leading with diligence** – the ministry work of an overseer/elder as shown in 1 Timothy 5:17
  - **Mercy with cheerfulness** – performing acts of mercy for those in need (sick, elderly, poor, etc)
  
- **1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:11**

## LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Have you ever been on a team where everybody had the same skills, but were seriously lacking in certain areas? What was that team like? How well did that team perform?
2. Have you ever gone through a process of discovering your spiritual gifts? How has God gifted you with gifts like you would see in 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12:6-8?
3. How are you using your gifts to build up the kingdom of God? How could you be using your gifts more?

## Next Steps:

1. Attend the next 'Core LifeLab 301: How to Reach' where you can discover how you can best use your gifts and passions to build up the kingdom of God. Find out more at [calvarylife.org/lifelabs](http://calvarylife.org/lifelabs)
2. Spend time reading and praying through Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12 and ask God to reveal ways that He has gifted you for building up the kingdom of God. Ask God to show you ways that you can use those gifts for Him in unique ways.
3. Look through The Calvary Quarterly, available in the Lobby at Connection Point Central, and see if God reveals any ministries or events that you could serve within and use your gifts to help make a difference in someone's life.