

## Community: Life Together as a Body

### Goals:

To discover how community requires multiple people to engage in various ways. To understand how to be an invaluable contributing member of the community rather than a burden.

### Opener:

- Share about a time you experienced an illness, injury, or situation in which one of your body parts wasn't functioning properly. How was that?
- If you had to choose one part of your body to live without, which would you choose?
- Which part of your body would you rather die than live without?
- How is our health defined in relation to the operation of our various body parts?

### Scripture:

**1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

### Observations

- What are the different body parts and functions listed in this passage?
- What does this passage say about the relationships between the different parts and the body as a whole?
- What does it say about the diversity, function, collaboration, and appreciation of body parts in relation to the health of the body and of each respective part?

### Interpretation

- What actual roles in this church do you think the various parts listed represent? (*i.e. what could it have looked like to be a hand, ear, eye, head, feet, in this community?*)
- Why do you think it was important for the author to state what they did in verses 23-24?

### Applications

*This passage says that each believer is a member of the body of Christ (v. 27).  
It also makes it clear that each part of the body needs the others (v. 21).*

- So which body part do you think God has arranged you to be (v. 18)?  
In other words, what need(s) do you think you could fill for others in the community? Are you, right now? [are you a functioning part of the body?]
- What needs can others fill in the community that you can't? Are people doing that?
- What do you think it would look like in CCF if every single person identified needs, and took personal responsibility for meeting those needs?
- What do you think keeps people from getting active and meeting needs they see around them?
- What are some ways that our Core, as a bigger composite body part, could serve the broader CCF community together?