

# Some Assembly Required

## Week 3: "You Belong"

**Weekly Summary:** Feeling "less than" is one of the Devil's best tricks. We notice what we're not, what we can't do, what's uncomfortable, what's out of our skill set. But Paul saves us from envy and discouragement by reminding us all that God didn't design every part of the body to do everything. By his design you can't do that. Let go of the guilt. Give up the competition. Embrace your importance in his grand design.

- ❖ 1 Corinthians 12:15-16 - Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.
  
- ❖ Triggers for Jealousy: The stage and their strengths.
  
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 12:17, 19-20 - If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ... 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.
  
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 12:18 - But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.
  
- ❖ Antidote for Jealousy: "God made me!"



### **Points to Ponder**

1. Do you think you have “on stage” gifts or “behind the scenes” gifts? If the former, what could you do to encourage those behind the scenes? If the latter, what could you do to avoid falling into jealousy?
2. Reread 1 Corinthians 12:1-20 (the verses we have covered throughout this series). List 2-3 insights that God has been teaching you about what makes us unique yet united in Christ.
3. Take the Strengthsfinder 2.0 test online. If you have already taken it, share the results with a few others and listen to their reactions. Finally, plan to join our 922Church family on 1/31 at 6:30pm at The CORE for a special session on strengths.

### **Homework For Next Week: 1 Peter 4:7-11**

*“Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.”  
~ The Apostle Paul*