



REFLECTION / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Pick a few questions from below and reflect this week, or choose 4-5 to discuss in your home group.

- How did God speak to you in the message?
- What are some of the ways Paul stresses our unity in 1 Cor. 12:12-13? Read 1 Cor 12:18. How does this verse affect your perspective of our differences in the church?
- Read the list of gifts Paul mentions in 1 Cor. 12:7-11. What is a “spiritual gift?” Do you think Paul’s list is exhaustive? What gift(s) do you think you have?
- How is God using you today for *the common good*? (vs 7)
- How have you seen differences divide rather than unite in churches before?
- In your opinion, when should a “difference” divide us?
- Do you lean toward feelings of inferiority or superiority as you relate to other Christians? (Consider more subtle ways we feel superior) Why? What are some of the ways we can project those attitudes? How does reflecting on Paul’s words in 1 Cor 12:14-24 affect your perspective?
- How have you experienced tension between yourself and others due to our differences? How might the principles in 1 Cor 12:24-27 change your perspective?
- In your opinion, what things can cause healthy tension in a church? How can conflict become unhealthy? What would you break fellowship over with another believer or a church?
- How is looking at influence different when considered from a church perspective rather than individual perspective? Based on the “body” God has arranged at Sunridge, what unique contribution could we as a church have in terms of influencing our community/world toward Christ?
- Pray as a group for opportunities to *tip* this week.



THINK ABOUT IT

Dominoes come as part of a set: DOMINO 5

OVERVIEW

Dominoes come in a set is focused on the diversity in the church. The church is intentionally diverse, but is also intended to function in unity. Although we mix metaphors throughout the sermon, using dominos and the body of Christ interchangeably, the essential points remain the same: We are different, but God sovereignly places us in the body of Christ. Our feelings of inferiority and superiority are addressed. Regardless of our own view or others, each member of the body, or each domino in the trick – is essential to the forward progress of the church.

The scriptural undergirding is found in 1 Corinthians 12, a passage that compares the church to a human body and its functioning, and is the biblical origin of the phrase “body of Christ.”

SERMON OUTLINE & REFERENCES

Dominoes Come In A Set

- 1. Our Differences Are Intentional, Providential, And Beneficial To All** 1 Cor 12:1-13, 18
 - 2. Two Misconceptions About Our Differences That Undermine Our Effectiveness: Inferiority & Superiority** 1 Cor 12:14-24
 - 3. God Designed The Church To Be Diverse For Its Health And Unity – But It Causes Tension**
1 Cor 12:24-27
- * Misc: John 13:34; Ro 12:3-6; Gal 6:2; Co 3:11; 1 Pe 3:8