

CITY LG – March 29 - 30, 2025

Today's Bible Story: We're All in This Together (One Body, Many Parts) • 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Today's Bottom Line: Work together to point people to Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Cooperation—Working together to do more than you can do alone

WORSHIP

Something Good

Live Differently

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, friends! We've been having a lot of fun this month with our theme, 'Cast and Crew.' It's fun to think about how God made us all to work together, because everyone has a part to play! When people make a movie or put on a play, there are lots of different people who work together to make it happen. You need all the people who get the set ready—with the right lighting and sound, and the right props and costumes as well as the actors.

Before we get into it today, I've got a question for you to talk about. Circle up with your small group and discuss this question: **When have you worked together with someone else (or more than one person) to help someone who needed it?** Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

*Large group leader should walk around listening to groups as they answer this.
Give them a couple of minutes.*

Today we're looking at something Paul wrote in a letter to the people who lived in Corinth. We can find this letter in the Bible (*hold up Bible*) as the book of 1 Corinthians.

Actually, 1 Corinthians is one of 21 letters in the New Testament. These letters were written by leaders of the early church to new followers of Jesus. The people who wrote these letters wanted everyone to know about Jesus and the way He wants us to live. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: Bible Story 11:41

Paul wanted the Corinthians to understand that we should come together and cooperate. Together, we get to do the incredible work of showing the world what God is like. And when we cooperate to show love to others, the people around us will be able to see the difference Jesus has made in our lives. With our actions, we can point people to Jesus! Let's stand up to we need to remember today:

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Work together to point people to Jesus.

It's really cool to think that we're all part of something much bigger than ourselves. God made each of us with our own gifts, talents, thoughts, and ideas . . . just like God did for every person we know.

And when we put those gifts, talents, thoughts, and ideas TOGETHER, God can do big things through all of us. We can make a difference in this world as the church. We can show people what God is like. God made us to need each other, and to work together! When you think about how you were created to play a part in God's story, I hope that helps you see the good plan God has for you.

This might feel different for some of you than it does for others. You might feel nervous about working with others because you might feel like you don't have a lot to offer. Or maybe you feel like you're really good at something and you don't need any help from others. The truth is - your specific gifts are needed and valuable . . . AND you need other people.

It takes all of us, working as one body, to point people to Jesus. We can do that by working together to share His love. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.

"Dear God, thank You for this reminder today that we are all a part of the body of Christ . . . and that every part is important! We are so amazed that You created us to play a part in Your Big Story, together. Help us to find ways to work with others to point people to Jesus. And help us remember that we can trust You as we share Your love everywhere we go. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. Who remembers the name of the church we are collecting for? (*La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay)*). Who remembers where the church is located? (*In the Congo in Africa*) Here are a video of the kids at the church singing praise to Jesus.

VIDEO: Kids Singing

Remember: where they live, they don't have a lot of money and sometimes don't have a lot of food for their family. When the kids come to church on Sunday, they feed them a hot meal. They feed around 700 children every weekend and each meal costs \$2.00. Our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can!

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