



7/12/2026 | Every Gift Matters Reflect + Discuss

- If you could be a part of any team in the world (sports, entertainment, business, or another field), which one would you pick and why?
- If you were to explain the church to someone who has never been to one, how would you describe its purpose and nature? What analogy would you use?
- Pastor Matt used three analogies to describe the church: a body, a team, and a console table. Which one resonates with you most? How does it shape your understanding of the church and your place in it?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. Paul addresses a divided church by reminding them that it is the *same* Spirit that is at work in every believer. How can this truth help us move from a competing mindset to a collaborative one? In what ways have you seen this lived out well?
- Pastor Matt described three tendencies we can fall into with regards to our place in the church:
 - 1) Those who feel unimportant (*believing we don't matter*)
 - 2) Those who feel too important (*believing we matter more than others*)
 - 3) Those who like the table, but feel that they are not meant to be a part of it
 Is there a mindset listed above that you find yourself sometimes slipping into? How can we help one another grow into a healthier understanding of our place in the church?
- What roles do you see in the church that are indispensable but overlooked, like the small feet that support Matt's console table? How can you encourage them this week?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:24-26. Paul calls us to have "equal concern" for one another, suffering and rejoicing together. What is one practical step we can take to build that kind of deeply connected community?
- What might the church community miss out on if you aren't fully on the team? On the flip side, what do you miss out on when you aren't actively participating?
- Whether you've taken the SHAPE assessment or not, what strengths or gifts have others noticed in you? How might God use you and your gifts to serve and build up the church?

Pray

Pray that we may grow in our understanding of God's vision for the church and the unique role He has given each of us within it. Pray that we would have equal concern for each other, mourn with those who mourn, and rejoice with those who rejoice. As we continue to reflect on this message, pray that we would respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation to be an active part of His team, faithfully partnering with Him to build up His Church.

Next Steps

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).