



Introduction

What happens when someone doesn't do their job? The team, the company, or the mission all suffer. But what happens when a group of people each do the job they were assigned to do? Together they find success. When we each play our part, we become more successful than we could be separately. If we want everyone who walks through the doors of our church to experience a place that feels like home, how do we make it happen? What part can each of us play in seeing that dreams become realities? Where do we fit in, and how do we make a difference?

Discussion Questions

1. One definition of home is "the place where one lives permanently, especially as a member of a family or household." How would you define home? What makes a place feel like home?
2. What makes our church feel like home to you? What would make our church feel more like home to you or others?
3. Many people outside of the church see the church and Christians as judgmental, hypocritical, political, out of touch, old-fashioned, insensitive, and boring. Why do you think some people see Christians and the church this way? What has the church done (or not done) to give people this opinion? How has your experience with the church and with Christians compared to these statements?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–18.**
 - Paul talks about the church as a body and that each one of us has a part to play in the body. Just for fun: What part of the body would you be and why?
 - Answering that last question may feel silly or get a laugh, but it speaks to the heart of what Paul is saying to us. We are each unique and have gifts and talents that we can share with the rest of the body. What are your unique gifts, talents, or strengths that you can use to serve the body? What area of the church do you think you could best use your gifts, talents, or strengths?
 - How has your faith grown through serving others? How has your life been changed or your faith grown through being served by someone else? Describe how you would like to see your gifts used by God to serve others.

Moving Forward

Our church runs on the willingness of a large number of volunteers who show up each week to do their part and share their talents with the people they serve—to play their part in the body. If we want to create a place that feels like home, then we must ask ourselves what we can do to help make this happen. What part can we play in the body to change the way the world sees the church? Let's create a place that feels like home so that, ultimately, people can feel at home with God.