



Lifegroups

ICEBREAKER: Let's strike up some conversations! If you can have dinner with a famous person who would it be? And what would you serve them for dinner and why?

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Everyone is equal in his or her importance and value to God but not everyone is identical. We all have different measures of grace, gifts, faith and talent. Throughout our lives we are supposed to try to find those measures and give them back to the church. Too many people find their measures and use it for themselves. But we will never understand God's level of fulfillment if we keep it all for ourselves instead of giving it back to him.

SCRIPTURE *(do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)*

Hebrews 4:14-16 | Ephesians 4:7 | Romans 12:3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Read Hebrews 4:14-16.** Jesus came to earth to know what its like to be you. He went through every temptation that we have gone through and came out without sin. He did all of this because he knew that we would sin but even in our sin He would make a place for us in the body. He gave each and every one of us a function, not one greater then the other, but all equally important.
What place in the body of Christ do you think you have? What are you doing with that knowledge to build the kingdom?
- The bible says in **Ephesians 4:7** that, *he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.* Everyone has a different measure of grace to put up with certain people and situations. We may wonder how others get through things but they are graced for that. Just because one person is graced for something doesn't mean you are graced for the same thing. Don't try to be someone else because God has graced you for other things. ***What are some things that God has graced you with? Who is someone in your life that you have grace for but others may not?***



- Another measure that God gives us is gifts. Every gift brings a certain level of adversity. We see celebrities with money and fame and desire what they have but don't see the anxiety they may feel. We see churches with thousands of people and desire to pastor that church but don't see the years of prayers, tears and hard work that went into it. ***What are the gifts that God has given you? Are you using those to enhance the church or are you still sitting on them to try to enhance the world?***
- There are some people that believe God for every little thing. And others that believe only when big things are needed. One measure of faith is not better than the other, it's just a different measure. **Read Romans 12:3.** Don't compare your faith with the person next to you, know your measure and be real about it. ***It's time to get real, is your measure of faith high or low? Do you want to stay with that measure?***
- God gives each of us a measure of talent to give it back to him. There's a level of fulfillment that we will never understand if we are takers. Whenever God gives you a word, the last word that God gives you is your measure. Every time you complete the last word, God frames your life for the next word. ***What was the last word you received from God? Are you still living in it or are you ready for the next word?***

CONCLUSION

We have all been given different measures and no ones measure is better than another's. We are to be real with what we have because in our realness God can use us the most.

OUR CHALLENGE

This week be real and ask yourself, are you trying to increase your measure to be seen by others or are you truly using your measures to build God's church? If you are not using your measures to build his kingdom then maybe it's about time!