



## Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: FIVE DIRECTIONS 02.03.2019

### Recap:

- The first Christians were a persecuted, not a privileged group, so meeting with, helping, encouraging, and spurring each other on was critical.
- We all need those relationships in our lives where someone knows exactly who we are, but loves us enough to not leave us that way. A relationship with God doesn't occur in a vacuum. We need each other.
- From the very beginning, God shows us this is true, that we were created for community, by writing, "The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." So, the phrase "it's about me and God" makes no sense when it comes to faith.
- We are all a part of the body of Christ and we need each other. Therefore, we should find authentic ways to connect with one another.

### Discuss:

1. Share a time in which someone that you did not (or others did not) view as valuable contributed or made a difference more than expected?
2. READ 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 12-27
3. In verse 7, Paul writes "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." What do you think he means by "common good"? What does that entail?
4. What do you think Paul has in mind when he says some parts of the body are thought of as less honorable? What do you think he means "we treat with special honor"?
5. Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced what Paul has said that when "one part suffers, every part suffers with it"?
6. READ Hebrews 10:19-25
7. In this passage, the writer uses the first-person plural "we" to describe what Christians should be doing. Why is using the "we" important in this passage?
8. What are some ways that you can "spur one another on toward love and good deeds"?
9. For the early Christians, what do you think meeting together to encourage one another meant? How can you apply that in your life?
10. Ryan introduced us to the 1 to 1 concept of meeting with one person to encourage and keep each other accountable (you can learn more at [wearesoutheast.org/1to1](http://wearesoutheast.org/1to1)). If you are considering going through the five directions with someone, what type of person would you be best suited to meet with?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings about Compelling Others

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- John 15:1-17
- Philippians 2