

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." **Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)**

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"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

"So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad."

1 Corinthians 12:24b-26 (NLT)

"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly."

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

**1 Corinthians 12
Ephesians 4**

My Top Three Strengths

My Top Three Weaknesses

What does God seem to empower through me?

How do people in the Body say I bless them?

"...I [Paul] beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future."

Ephesians 4:1-4 (NLT)

"[Adam] replied, 'I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.' ...'It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' ...'The serpent deceived me,' [Eve] replied. 'That's why I ate it.'"

Genesis 3:10, 12, 13 (NLT)

We struggle with our uniqueness because...

- Hiding reveals our _____
- Fear reveals our _____
- Blaming reveals our _____

I am Marked by Uniqueness as I...

"Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us."

Romans 12:3 (NLT)

"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it."

Psalms 139:14 (NLT)

small group

Study Guide

This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this study guide on your own; however, we encourage you to find one of our warm and friendly Small Groups by visiting the Strengthen table during the Connect Time at 10:15 or by calling the church office at 298-7087.

Life Goal: We hope you'll choose to be honest in evaluating your self by the faith God has given you; not comparing your self to other people.



15 MIN

PRAYER: Pray that God will help you to have a humble spirit as you daily evaluate your life.

ICEBREAKER: Name some tasks that you don't want to perform. Note by each one: Is your reluctance skill or pride?



35-40 MIN

Memory Verse:

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Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

1. In today's message, David talked about all of us having strengths and weaknesses. What are your top three strengths and top three weaknesses? How do these strengths and weaknesses affect you fulfilling your role in the body of Christ?
2. Please read James 1: 9-12. How does James turn the assumed status of the rich and poor upside down?

3. In vs.10 James talks about the one who is rich should take pride in his low position. What does this statement mean to you?
4. What does it mean to persevere through a trial? How does persevering through a trial help create a humble spirit in you? (vs12)
5. According to James, what reward will a person receive who perseveres through a trial?



15 MIN

Share with the group a time in your life that you allowed your pride to keep you from having a humble spirit. How does your resistance to serving limit your small group's ability to be healthy? Our church?



10 MIN

Identify an attitude that is keeping you from having a humble spirit as you serve God. Ask God to give you an opportunity to serve someone this week that you normally wouldn't.



15 MIN

Pair up with someone and share a trial or test you are currently facing and how God is helping you. Pray for any unmet need(s).