

- Some congregations' small groups meet at different times during the week, so that all can find a time to participate. Others have one long meeting once a week. In this case, they should include time for tiny groups to meet. During the main worship time, believers should give testimonies of how they came to know Christ, report healing, and relate other things of interest to the congregation.

4. With your co-workers, plan the upcoming worship time

Explain what you learned from the Bible while doing section 1:

- Why we are called 'the Body of Christ.'
- What Ephesians 4:11-16 reveals about the results that God expects from all ministries.
- The need to prepare for loving service by letting God transform our minds (Rom. 12:1-2).
- The 'one another' interaction that God requires as we serve one another.

Ask the **Children** to present to the congregation the drama they have prepared, and ask the adults questions about it afterwards.

Memorize John 13:34.

Announce and prepare the activities that you planned to do during the week.

To introduce the Lord's Supper, explain: Jesus' most intimate fellowship with His disciples was during His last night with them before His death. They were eating the Jewish Passover, the most sacred feast of the Old Testament. We now celebrate this feast as the Lord's Supper.

Help one another in groups of 2 or 3. Let them pray, confirm their plans and encourage one another.

How to Show Love for One Another

Those who teach children should read study #79 for children.

1. Prepare your mind to help the believers enjoy congregational 'body life'

Your congregation is called "the Body of Christ", because ...

Jesus is the *Head* of the body, Eph. 5:23.

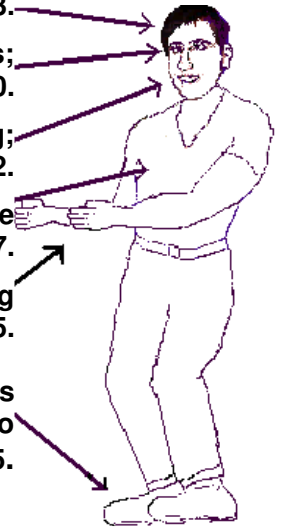
Some believers are gifted to discern spirits; they are our *eyes*, 1 Cor. 12:10.

Some have spiritual gifts for teaching; they are the body's *mouth* Eph. 4:11-12.

The Holy Spirit places all believers in the universal *body* of Christ, 1 Cor. 12:13, 27.

Those who have spiritual gifts for serving are our *hands*, 1 Cor. 12:5.

Those gifted as evangelists and Apostles are *feet*, carrying the Good News to neglected people, Rom. 10:15, Eph. 6:15.



Read **Ephesians 4:11-16** and find the results that God wants our gifts to have:

- If someone uses the gift of teaching properly, then what will be the result? (verses 11 & 12)
- If a teacher simply passes on information, then he fails to help believers to do the ministries that God wants to edify the body. What is God's final purpose of each one doing their ministry? (verse 13)

- If anyone fails to grow into the full stature of Christ, as God intends as the result of our ministries, then what will happen to the body? (verse 14)
- Rather than remaining infants who always chase after new fads, believers should work together, just as the different parts of our body serve each other. Who coordinates this interaction within the body? (verses 15 & 16)

Believers must prepare themselves to serve one another under Christ's coordination. Read Romans chapter 12 and find out how they can prepare themselves to serve in the way the New Testament describes.

- What is it that believers must let God transform, in order to use their gifts in the right spirit? (verse 2)
- Practice the 'one another' commands, to serve one another mutually.
- **God commands believers** over fifty times in the New Testament to serve 'one another' in various ways, teaching, strengthening and comforting one another, bearing one another's burdens, correcting and forgiving one another, confessing our faults to one another, and so on.

Read the following examples on the left and write its letter by the 'one-another' command to the right that corresponds to each.

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| <p>a. Genesis 33:1-10. Many years after Esau sought to kill his brother Jacob who had stolen their father's blessing, Gen. 27.</p> | <p>___ Teach one another,
Col. 3:16</p> |
| <p>b. Nehemiah 4:16-21. Jews who had returned from exile in • Babylon were rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem</p> | <p>___ Travaillez avec Dieu,
1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1</p> |
| <p>c. Acts 18:24-28.</p> | <p>___ Pray for one another,
James 5:16</p> |
| <p>d. Colossians 1:1-4 and 4:2-4.</p> | <p>___ Forgive one another,
Eph. 3:13; 4:32;
Col. 3:13</p> |

[Answers: a=Forgive. b=Work with. c=Teach. d=Pray]

- A list of over fifty 'one another' commands appears in the P-T study #80 titled "Serving One Another in God's Family".

2. Plan how the believers will serve one another during the week

Select activities that fit the needs and local customs. For examples:

- Visit one another's homes, to pray, counsel and serve one another.
- Show hospitality to others in your home. Some have entertained angels unaware (Heb. 13:2).
- Work together on projects that benefit the community.
- Provide time for young people to sing and discuss the Word following worship.
- Visit the sick or grieving and pray with them.
- Provide parties and occasional meals for people to build relationships.
- Take people on hikes or trips.
- Provide sports or indoor games, especially for youth.
- Help folks repair their houses or meet other needs.

3. Help the believers to serve one another during worship times.

We can help people serve one another during the worship time in many ways. Only use ways that fit your group and the background of the people. Consider these examples:

- Form groups of two or three persons and let them pray one for another, counsel one another, plan their work together, and help each other to serve Christ.