

How the Called Out Came Together

Week 2 • Student Worksheet



SMALL-GROUP WORKSHEET • WATCH THE VIDEO, THEN WORK THROUGH THIS TOGETHER

In your group, talk through every question out loud. Don't rush to the "right" answer — let everyone weigh in. We'll come back together for the last 20 minutes to share what you found.

THE TEXT

"...so that there would be no division in the body, but that **the members would have the same concern for each other**. So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."

1 Corinthians 12:25–26 • CSB

Part 1 • Fill in the Blank

Listen for these as you watch, or fill them in from memory afterward.

1. "The care isn't a nice feature of the body. It's the _____."
2. The Greek word for "care" is the same word that elsewhere gets translated "_____" or "anxious concern."
3. "So genuine love is love with the _____ off. No performance. No rehearsed lines."
4. "If one member _____, all the members suffer with it; if one member is _____, all the members rejoice with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26)
5. "Performed care shows up to be _____. Genuine care starts with _____."

Part 2 • Discussion

Start on the surface and work toward the heart. Jot a few notes so you can share with the class.

1. **Warm-up:** Think of one concrete way genuine care has reached you in this congregation. What did it look like? What made it feel real?
2. **The text:** Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–26 together. Paul describes the church as a body, not an audience. What happens in a physical body when one part refuses to feel what another part feels? How does that picture apply to a congregation?

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3. Going deeper: The Greek word for “genuine” in Romans 12:9 literally means “without a mask.” Where in Christian life is the temptation to wear a mask strongest? Why?

4. The two tests: Paul names two tests of real care in 1 Corinthians 12:26 — *suffering together* and *rejoicing together*. Which is harder, and why?

5. Presence vs. performance: Think of how we contrasted performed care with genuine care. Where does “let me know if you need anything” usually fall? What would turn it into a real invitation to be interrupted?

6. The early church: The early church had a reputation in the ancient world for extraordinary care. What reputation does the church in our part of the world have today? If it is thinner, what has thinned it?

7. Bringing it home: The video asked: “Where is the Spirit nudging you from **performed** care to **present** care this week? And toward whom?” Think of the person quietly drifting toward the edges. What is one concrete step you could take before next Sunday?

“The called-out come together as a body — where no one is invisible, no one is expendable, and no one carries his load alone.”