



Sunday Recap Guide

Designed to Serve

E – Encouragement

Take a few minutes to check in with everyone before diving into Scripture.

Icebreaker:

- What was one thing that encouraged or challenged you from Sunday's message?
- What has been one high and one low from your week?
- Where have you seen God at work recently?
- Is there any area where you could use encouragement or prayer from the group?

Transition:

This week we were reminded that God didn't just save us *from* something—He saved us *for* something. Every believer has been intentionally designed by God to serve, strengthen, and build His Church. None of us are accidental or unnecessary in the Body of Christ.

S – Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

"But in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be." (v.18)

Context

Paul wrote 1 Corinthians to a church struggling with division, comparison, pride, and competition. Some believers believed certain spiritual gifts made them more important than others. Paul reminds them that the Church is like a human body—many different parts with one purpose. Every member matters because every member was intentionally placed there by God.

The goal wasn't uniformity—it was unity.

Just as a body cannot function if every part tries to be the eye or the hand, the Church thrives when every believer faithfully fulfills the role God has given them.

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from this passage or Sunday's message?

Leader Note: Encourage everyone to share before moving on.

2. Verse 18 says God has placed every part exactly where He wanted it.

How does this challenge feelings of comparison or inadequacy?

- Have you ever compared your gifts or calling to someone else's?
- Why do you think comparison keeps us from serving faithfully?

Key Truth:

Comparison causes us to overlook the unique assignment God has already given us.

3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7.

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."

According to this verse, why does God give us spiritual gifts?

- Who benefits when we use our gifts?
- Who might miss out when we don't?

Key Truth:

Your gift was never meant to stop with you—it exists to strengthen someone else.

4. Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

Paul says leaders equip God's people for ministry so the whole church grows.

- What does this teach us about who is responsible for ministry?
- How does serving help us become more like Jesus?

Key Truth:

Church isn't meant to be watched—it is meant to be participated in.

5. Pastor Kenny shared that "Salvation isn't just our rescue—it's our placement into a family."

Read Romans 12:4-5.

How does belonging to God's family change the way we view commitment to the local church?

- What keeps people from committing?
- How have relationships within the church strengthened your faith?

6. Which statement impacted you the most?

- "You were given something to give."
- "You are needed more than you think."
- "Fulfillment isn't found in what you take in; it's found in what you pour out."
- "The finish line isn't church attendance—it's Christlikeness."
- "Everything changes when you choose to commit."

Why?

Application

This week's message wasn't simply about volunteering—it was about becoming who God designed us to be.

God intentionally created every believer with unique gifts, experiences, and passions that strengthen His Church.

When we compare ourselves to others, we often overlook the assignment God has already placed in our hands.

When we disconnect from the Body, everyone misses something.

But when each person faithfully serves where God has called them, the Church grows healthier, stronger, and more like Jesus.

Ask yourself:

- Where has God uniquely gifted me?
- Am I consuming more than I'm contributing?
- What step of commitment is God inviting me to take?

P – Prayer

Spend time praying over one another.

Prayer Prompts

- Thank God for creating each person with purpose and intentionality.
- Pray for freedom from comparison, insecurity, and feeling unqualified.
- Pray for wisdom to recognize the gifts God has given each person.
- Pray for courage to serve faithfully wherever God is calling.
- Pray that your church would grow in unity, love, and maturity as every person uses their gifts.
- Pray over any personal needs that were shared during check-in.

N – Next Steps

Church Next Step

- If you haven't discovered how God has uniquely gifted you, sign up for **Growth Track** and begin taking your next best step toward serving on the Dream Team.
- If you're already serving, ask God how you can continue to encourage and strengthen those around you—not just by what you do, but by how you love.

Personal Next Step

Choose one of these this week:

- Read **1 Corinthians 12** and write down every truth you learn about the Body of Christ.
- Ask God in prayer, *"Where have You uniquely designed me to serve others?"*
- Encourage someone who faithfully serves behind the scenes and thank them for how they strengthen the Body.
- Look for one intentional opportunity this week to use your gifts to bless someone else—at church, at home, at work, or in your community.

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."