**“Are You Serving the Body?”**

**Romans 12:3-8**

**Romans 12 informs us that our dedication to God will be seen in our SERVICE to the body of believers in our church family. The question at hand today is, *“Are YOU serving the Body?”* Our text challenges us to make three evaluations in order to answer this question honestly and accurately.**

**I. Your MIND-SET (3)**

* **Paul’s Example (3a)**
* **Paul’s Exhortation (3b)**

 **II. Your MEMBERSHIP (4-5)**

* **Compared to the Human Body (4)**
* **Connected to the Body of Christ (5)**

**III. Your MINISTRY (6-8)**

* **A Special Privilege (6a)**

* **A Specific Responsibility (6b-8)**

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**Small Group/Family Discussion Guide**

**Icebreaker: Share about your current or former role as part of a team in the workplace.**

**Discussion Questions**

**1. What kind of “mindset” (way of thinking) does Paul call for in Romans 12:3?**

 **Why is this so important for effective service in the church?**

**2. How is this call to think soberly related to Paul’s appeal in Romans 12:1-2?**

**3. What are some ways that we may tend to think too highly or too lowly of our**

 **role in the church family?**

**4. Why is the human body such a good analogy to describe the church? How**

 **should this truth affect our involvement in church?**

**5. Share an aspect of serving (using your gifts and abilities) that you have enjoyed**

 **or think you might enjoy in the church?**

**Small Group/Family Prayer Time**

**Each person pick a different person or family in our church to specifically mention as you pray.**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. What do we find in Paul’s thinking about himself in the following verses that**

 **made him so effective for the Lord? 1 Cor 15:9-10; Eph 3:8 and 1 Tim 1:12-15.**

 **Ask God to give you this kind of thinking.**

**2. Look closely at how the body of Christ is described in 1 Cor 12:12-27 and**

 **Eph 4:11-16. List as many important truths and principles as you can find in**

 **these verses. What is your role in the body?**

**3. Fun Activity: Jot down the last names of as many “family units” in our church**

 **that you can remember without looking at the directory. Compare your list with**

 **the church directory to see who you forgot. Take a few moments to thank God**

 **for each family unit in our church.**