



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Something's Missing - Part 1 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

**MAIN POINT:** We were not just saved *from* sin & death; we are also saved *into* community. When connection to spiritual community is missing, both ourselves and our spiritual community will be missing something big... God.

### **Passage(s) to Read:** Romans 12:3-5

**Passage Summary:** Paul teaches that people of faith who have received the grace and mercy of God are connected and united together like a body. In other words, the Gospel doesn't just create a new "me" but also a new "we." This "we" is characterized by belonging, mutuality, love, and service.

### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Paul tells the Roman church members not to think too highly of themselves, but to think with sober judgment. How would you describe a healthy identity in Christ? How can you acknowledge the gifts God has given you, without having those gifts become a source of pride?
2. Why do you think the body is a great metaphor for the church? In your experience, do you see the church functioning in this way?
3. These verses point out the unity required by the Church while also addressing the diversity among its members. How does being unified, yet diverse make us more effective as the body of Christ?
4. What are some ways you best experience God alone? Through community? How do these experiences balance one another?
5. How can you, as a small group, begin to use your combined gifts to honor God and *be the Church*?

### **STEPS OF OBEDIENCE**

As an offering of worship and fellowship as a group, try bringing to the Lord all the aspects of Himself which He brings to mind in prayer. Take turns giving thanks for what God has taught you through the message this week.

### **PRAYER TIME**

- If anyone in the group has a special prayer request, make sure that is shared with the group.