

GET IN THE GAME!

- Grace GIFTS are how Jesus mobilizes His body to LIVE out the gospel. *Rom 12:3-8; Eph 4:7-14*

- You are NEEDED and you need OTHERS for Christ's interdependent body to function. *1 Cor 12:14-26*

- Use your gift to serve one another in DEPENDENCE on God's power—so God gets the glory. *1 Pet 4:10-11*

Further Up, Further In

1. If the church was a football game, how can we encourage one another to not be a spectators, but to be part of the game?
2. Read Romans 12:3-8. How does this passage fit within the overall structure of Romans? Do you get the sense here that Paul expects people to know their gift?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-13. How do we see both unity and diversity in this passage?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-26. Do you tend to be someone who feels useless or self-sufficient? What is Paul's encouragement to each group.
5. Look over the list of grace gifts and consider the following:
 - a. Which do you think you might have?
 - b. How have you seen God use your gift throughout your life?
 - c. What questions do you have about it?
 - d. What spiritual gifts have you seen functioning within our church?
 - e. Can you identify the spiritual gifts of people in your group?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. According to this passage, how should we use our grace gifts? What does it look like to use your gift in dependence on Jesus?
7. Read Ephesians 4:7-14. According to this passage, who is called to be engaged in ministry? What is the role of gifts in this passage?
8. What was your biggest take-away from this week's message?