



Theme: The health and growth of the church, the Body of Christ, depends upon the proper functioning of each part!

If you think of the church as a team, God has designed each of us to play a particular position on His team. Instead of picturing pastors on the playing field doing the entire ministry and everyone else in the stands cheering them on, there are no bleachers or fans. Rather, all believers are on the field. Each is playing his/her position to the glory of God, while the pastors serve as coaches. This is the picture we should have of the church (Eph.4:11-13, 16).

In order to discover the position God wants each of us to play, we've learned that we need to look at five areas, which give us the word DESIGN:

Desires + **E**xperiences + **S**kills + **I**ndividuality + **G**ifts = **N**iche (our position)

Today, as we conclude our series, we're going to consider from 1 Corinthians 12 just how important it is for all of us to be involved in serving one another. Paul's instruction falls into five areas, each having to do with the body.

Gathering Together »

What was your favorite sport or activity in school? What was your position or role?

Growing Together »

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a:

1. **Read Ephesians 4:11-13, 16.** What is the role of the pastor/teacher compared to your role? Is this a new concept to you?
2. When do Christians receive the Holy Spirit? **Read Romans 8:9 and 1 Corinthians 12:3.**
3. What difference does having received the Holy Spirit make in daily living? See Acts 4:31.
4. Tell about a time when you noticed or experienced Christians functioning as a team in the church by using their gifts.

5. Why do you think it is important for you to use your gifts at Christ Community Church? 1 Corinthians 12:27-28.

Getting Real with One Another »

1. Do you have a tendency to feel that your spiritual gift(s) are less significant compared to gifts that others have? Why? See 1 Corinthians 12:15-19.
2. What could help us overcome the idea that some gifts are less significant compared to other gifts?
3. Consider 1 Corinthians 12:18. In light of this text, how are you feeling about your spiritual gifts?
4. All of us have been designed by God to contribute to the health and growth of the whole Body. Some are designed to contribute to the *internal, spiritual growth* while others are designed to contribute to the *numerical growth of the church through evangelism and missions*. Which are you designed to do? Is it possible that there is an imbalance of these two areas in our church? Why or why not? See 1 Corinthians 12:18.

*If you have not as yet completed the **My DESIGN Profile**, please do so and email it to cccrochester@cccrochester.org or drop it off a copy at the church office.*

If it would be helpful for you to process your DESIGN with someone, please contact the church office to set up a time with one of our caring, helpful coaches (pastors). They are waiting to listen, pray, and process with you!

Group Prayer Time »

Take time to pray that each person would come to understand his/her DESIGN and be willing to serve.

This concludes the DESIGN series!