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Sermon Notes for August 25th

“Building Lasting Relationships Through Small Groups”

“Seeing Ourselves as Something Bigger”

Sermon Text: **Romans 12:3-8 (p. 1205)**; Old Testament Text: **Job 2:11-13 (p. 529)**; Gospel Text: **John 15:12-13 (p. 1147)**.

Read **Romans 12:3-8 (p. 1205)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Romans 12:3 (p. 1205)**.

Restate in your own words what the apostle Paul wants us to understand from this verse.

2. Read **Romans 12:4-5 (p. 1205)**.

Paul uses the various parts of the body to describe the variety of spiritual gifts available in the Body of Christ. Name 5 spiritual gifts that might be found in individuals in the Body of Christ.

Why is it so important that we think of ourselves as being part of something bigger?

3. Read **Romans 12:6-8 (p. 1205)**.

What happens to the Body of Christ if some individuals choose not to use their gifts? (This is not directly stated here but is implied.)

Can you think of a particular gift God has given to you for the glory of His Kingdom?

4. In Pastor Dave's discussion of his early small groups, name 3 areas in which he grew because of the influence of other group members in his life.

5. Read **Ephesians 4:11-12 (p. 1243)**.

What is the purpose of apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds (pastors), and teachers?

6. Read **Ephesians 4:13-14 (pp. 1243)**.

What does Paul tell us happens when the apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds (pastors), and teachers do their jobs well?

7. Read **Ephesians 4:15 (pp. 1243-1244)**.

What does Paul tell us is the result of *speaking the truth in love*?

8. Read **Ephesians 4:16 (p. 1244)**.

According to this verse, what happens *when each part is working properly*?

9. What will you remember most from this message?