

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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“Building Up the Body”

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What Is This?

This brief guide is intended for use individually, or in small groups. It's your chance to dive deeper into the issues raised in the weekend sermon and to connect a Biblical story with your daily life.

Revisit the Texts

Ephesians 4: 1-16

Big Ideas Raised

- The Holy Spirit is a centripetal force that draws us inward to the center, into the church itself, to move in and through all and build movement.
 - We are called by God to share the gifts we've been granted by the Spirit internally, within the church, to build up the Body of Christ at St. Lucas UCC and equip one another for the wider ministries to which we are called.
- The sharing of our gifts in service to one another also builds the body in unity, each unique gift acting as a ligament holding the body together as we grow together in maturity to be like Christ.
- Also, in order to grow and build the body up, we are called to speak the truth in love, holding accountable those who would be deceitful and harmfully hostile, tearing the body down, and embracing a path of authentically, openly, and lovingly sharing our gifts with one another so that the body of Christ that is St. Lucas UCC can heal, and each ligament can function properly and play its role so that, both as individuals, and a congregation, we can faithfully live out our calling to participate in the transformative work of God as a people of one faith, one baptism, one hope, one Spirit, one God who fills you all, one body living in the bond of true, just peace.

Questions Meant to Dig Deeper

- Has there been a time, or times, at St. Lucas when you received someone's gift; where you saw the Spirit moving in someone and they shared their gift with you?
- How has the Spirit moved through you at St. Lucas? Is there a gift you feel compelled to share within the community of St. Lucas?
- What are some ways you can imagine to build up the body of St. Lucas in unity?
- Are there any truths about the community of St. Lucas you wish to share in love with one another in the interest of ultimately building up the body?

Revisit the Sermon

For a recording or a manuscript of this weekend's sermon, please visit: <https://www.stlucasucc.org/sermons-resources>