

## Respecting Each Role

### **Ready:**

“For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink. Indeed, the body is not one part but many.” – 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

### **Set**

Trying to keep the peace in a team can be a challenging task. There are a variety of opinions, backgrounds, visions and personalities that make up a team.

Getting each person to focus on the same goal while having different opinions on achieving that goal is almost impossible. Each teammate's diverse talents and skills add even another level of difference. These differences can be very frustrating, but what if we could change our mindset and see these differences as positive?

1 Corinthians reminds us that everyone has a different role in society, church and even our team. If each person had the same role, thoughts and talents, that wouldn't help the overall function of the team. Think of a human body. The hand and the foot are vital but have very little in common, just as the heart and the brain are essential to the body's survival but serve entirely different roles. The brain shouldn't desire to be the heart; the heart shouldn't want to be the brain. They need to recognize that each one, though different, serves a purpose that the other cannot.

For a team to operate and reach its goals, you must think of the whole team as a human body. When you think about how valuable each role is to the body's function, you can start to respect the differences that make it frustrating to work together. The respect that develops makes everyone see value in their role, no matter how differently they think.

### **Go**

- What is your role on your team?
- Is there a person that you need to increase respect for on your team?
- What is the overall goal for your team that still needs to be reached right now?

### **Workout**

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Philippians 2:3

### **Overtime**

“Lord God, You have given us a beautiful picture of what can happen when we see each community member as essential. Help us with our frustrations about people who do not think and act the same way as us, and help us value those differences. Guide each of us into the roles you have designed for us, and help us to not be jealous of the roles of others. Amen.”



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