

MAKE ME

Make Me a Part

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We so often wish or pray that God would make us like someone else—someone that's smarter, or better-looking, or more talented. But it's not a mistake that you were made. You were given particular gifts. What if we took those gifts seriously, and took seriously the unique part each of us play in the body of Christ?

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. | Romans 12:5
- The “body” isn't just about buildings where we meet regularly. Rather, those of us who are followers of Jesus collectively form the church as the body of Christ.
- But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. | 1 Corinthians 12:14-18
- It's not about who's holding the gift. It's all about how you're using that gift to carry out God's purpose.
- But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. | 1 Corinthians 12:26
- It's not a mistake that you were made, or that you're alive for such a time as this.
- “I don't want to cling to my idea of how I think God will use me. I want him to use me however he wants to.” | Brooke Ligertwood
- What if we took seriously the unique part we play in the body of Christ?
- Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. | Philippians 2:3–4
- Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. | 1 Peter 4:10
- What are we doing with the gifts that God has entrusted to us?
- God's designed us so that we're never more fully alive than when we're following his will for our lives, when we're serving others, when we use the gifts that we've been given.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever spent time wishing you were someone else, or had different gifts or traits than the ones you have? What are some examples?
2. What is at least one gift, one skill, one trait you have that is a strength? What's a way you've been uniquely equipped to demonstrate God's love to others?
3. What unique position and conversations are you able to have because of your relationships, your job, your location?
4. In what way(s) can you use the gifts God has given you to be a part of the body of Christ?