

Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 12:3-13

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Helps students identify their role within the Body of Christ & connects spiritual gifts to practical service

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – Why Does Every Believer Matter?

Discuss:

- Have you ever felt like your gifts or abilities weren't important?
- What would happen if one part of your body stopped working?
- Why does Paul compare the church to a body?

Romans 12:3-5

Have students discuss:

- Humility
- Unity
- Spiritual gifts
- Serving others

Part B – Serving the Body of Christ

Have them discuss different gifts, one purpose:

Romans 12:6-8

Discuss:

- Why believers have different gifts
- Why gifts are not for self-promotion
- How gifts help the whole church
- Why comparing ourselves to others is harmful

God Gives Different Gifts	Why God Gives Them
Teaching	To help others grow
Serving	To meet needs
Encouraging	To strengthen others
Giving	To bless others
Leading	To guide others
Showing Mercy	To care for others

Part C – What Does Real Christian Love Look Like?

Ask: "If God has shown us so much mercy, how should we respond?"

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Galatians 5:13 "Through love serve one another."
- 1 Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another."
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit."

Discuss:

- Living sacrifices
- Worship through obedience
- Renewing our minds
- Living differently from the world

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why do people sometimes think they deserve God's blessings?
- How does understanding God's mercy create humility?
- What are some ways the world tries to shape our thinking?
- What does it look like to be a "living sacrifice" at school, home, or with friends?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

"What gifts or abilities has God given me that I can use to serve others?"

OR

What is one way I can actively serve someone in my church or family this week?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to show you the gifts and abilities He has given you to serve the body of Christ. Have you ever considered that God has uniquely equipped you to bless and encourage His Church? Pray that He would help you discover your gifts and use them faithfully for His glory and the good of others.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: Every believer has a place in the Body of Christ. God gives different gifts to different people, but every gift is meant to serve others, build up the church, and bring glory to God.