



## INTRO

It seems that interest in NFL Draft Day gains momentum each year. So this year let's look at it for what it really is: a great analogy for 1 Corinthians 12:18.

## MATERIALS

- Student pages for each student.
- Pen or pencil for each student.

## OPEN

After your group has gathered, open your time with these questions (Note: you can ask these questions from the perspective of your small group, ministry organization, or church; the questions below are from the perspective of a church):

**Who in this group has been a part of our church the longest amount of time? (If several were born into the church, ask if anyone knows their family's history with the church.)**

**Who has been a part of our church the shortest amount of time?**

## DIGGING IN

Draw your students' attention to their student pages and the passage from 1 Corinthians 12. Invite them to read this passage in solitude and as they read:

1. Circle anything that describes the body.
2. Draw a box around anything that describes body parts.
3. Draw a cloud around any references to God.

## TAKING IT INWARD

Process the passage together by discussing these questions:

**How is the body described?**

**What different parts of the body did you find?**

**What was God doing in this passage?**

**What does it mean to you that God arranges the parts of the body?**

This brings up a couple of questions:

**Think about how your group has come together. What events and experiences happened (which God may have orchestrated) to bring you together as a group?**

**When you think about the individual giftedness of each person in your group, do you sense a type of ministry project that your group may be especially suited for?**



## PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

While the NFL draft hasn't quite reached the level of the NFL Super Bowl, it has become a much bigger event than it was just five years ago: much more media coverage, more parties, etc. It's a bigger deal. So why not make a big deal out of how God has assembled your group as a team for ministry? Brainstorm as a group how you can celebrate God's arrangement of your ministry. Invite students to write down a few ideas under "Putting Into Practice" on their student pages and then share ideas with each other. Here are some suggestions:

### 1. Draft Day Party

Throw a party built around the theme that everyone is a first-round draft pick for God's team. Feel free to use the badge art from this "Try This" exercise (see "art page" below).

### 2. Share the Story

Ask for your students to write up a two-three paragraph story on how they and their family came to be a part of your church. Compile the stories into a "Draft Day Media Guide."

### 3. Draft Your Missions Projects

Go back to the question above about your group's individual giftedness. Nominate 10 ministry projects that your group is suited for and then prioritize them as you would draft picks. Then, "draft" the projects one at a time over the next few weeks or months. Throw a party after all the picks have been drafted.

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**1 Corinthians 12:14-18**

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

 PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

Ways to Celebrate God's Draft Day:

