



"Build the Church"

Small Group Discussion Guide

July 13, 2025

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 14:1-12

Key Points:

The church is built up when leaders equip members to serve one another in love.

Note to Group Leaders: *Thank you for leading your group in the Great Adventure and being open to how God used you! We'll celebrate what God did and recognize baptisms on **Sunday, August 3.***

Group Opener (Great Adventure Focus):

How did you see God at work during the Great Adventure? Take a few minutes to celebrate and thank Him. (Share stories, photos, or videos at hcbc.com/sharega.)

Discuss:

1. If you are honest, what is your current posture toward the church: skeptic, seeker, consumer, critic, or builder? Why?
2. What reasons have you seen (in yourself or others) for pulling away from active involvement in the church?
3. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What gifts, resources, or passions has God given **you** to help build up the body?
4. Recall the story of the paramedic who froze during a lifesaving procedure. What would it look like for the church to "freeze" or stall in its mission because people aren't doing their part?
5. In light of this message, what is one specific step you can take to move from the sidelines to active service in the church? For ways to get involved by serving, visit hcbc.com/serve.

Pray:

Feel free to pray the following prayer word for word, or in your own words as you feel God lead you: *"Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your rescue plan for the world. Please help us to see how we can play a part in your mission and give us the courage to step into the game."*