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Lesson 83: 2 Samuel 7:1-17 I've Got a GREAT Idea!

Read Psalm 132:1-18. What does David vow here in the first 5 verses?

What emotion does David seem to be expressing in verses 6-10?

Verses 11 and onward seem to be written after Nathan has given David the message God sent him with. What promise from God does David share here?

What "note" or emotion does this Psalm end on?

Read Romans 12:4-8. Paul uses what analogy to describe how Christians are to work together?

Should every Christian have the same talents and abilities?

Knowing you have a unique gift is only the start. Paul tells the church in Rome that they are use them as well. List two of the examples Paul uses of gift and use.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Paul uses that body analogy again here. According to Paul, is there any single gift that is better than another?

Which parts does Paul tell us we should give more honor to?

List 3 gifts might that look like in the body of Christ today? (I'll start ya off with one: Someone I know is not terribly extroverted and doesn't do well working with children, so she helps at the children's ministry desk, checking kids in—not teaching them—and has minimal social interaction unless a computer doesn't work. :D)

Can any of us be the body alone?

How should we react when one member of the body is honored?

If you see someone in your church who is honored, how should you react?

How should we react when one suffers?

Again, if there is suffering in the body of believers you are a part of, how can you come alongside them?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to see what gifts and talents He has given you and how you can use them for His glory and for the building up of the body of Christ.

You may only be able to make a chocolate cake, but perhaps there is a family needing a meal that you could offer to bring dessert for. You may have zero extra resources right now, and only have your time and energy to offer. How can you use that time and energy to encourage someone else today? Can you offer to go and hold a colicky baby while an over-tired mama gets some rest?

We often think about our gifts in the large sense (musical ability, teaching, encouragement, etc) but God has gifted us all in so many other ways and we need to take stock of those. So, ask God to show you a simple way you can help build up the body of Christ today, with the unique gifts that YOU have, instead of wishing for the ability or opportunity someone else has been given.