

# SACRIFICIAL LOVE

## CENTRAL TRUTH

Believers are people who have responded to Christ—the highest expression of God’s love—by faith. And we are called to love others out of the overflow of Christ’s love for us (see John 15:12). In this week’s passage, Paul shows us that **we respond to God’s mercy by obeying Him and serving our siblings in Christ.**

## KEY QUESTION

← **Why does Paul use the metaphor of a body to describe the church?**

A body is made up of many individual parts, and these parts have different functions. Yet all these individual parts make up one body. Similarly, the church—Christ’s body—is made up of individual members, like you and I, who have different gifts and functions. While we are different, we come together to form one body.

## KEEP IN MIND

- I While the Holy Spirit is the One who renews our minds, we are called to participate in this work. Students may be curious as to what this participation looks like. Through practices like prayer, Scripture reading, engaging in biblical community, and so on, the Holy Spirit shapes our minds. Come prepared with tools and insights that students may find helpful as they participate in the Spirit’s work.
- I In this week’s passage, we unpack the spiritual gifts Paul mentions. Use the Culture Note to help students navigate how they can identify their spiritual gifts. Consider pointing students toward any other tools that you or another ministry leader has found helpful.

## APPLICATION

- I **What are some practical ways we can love one another as a small group?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** As believers, we are members of God’s kingdom and eternal family. We demonstrate gratitude to the Lord through obedience and serving our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Challenge students to embrace serving other believers, as people who have been saved by God and are being renewed by the Spirit.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?