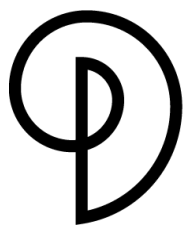


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Support One Another

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As followers of Jesus we share a oneness in Christ. We are part of a community that is called to support one another. We support each other when we use our God-given gifts.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: ROMANS 12:4-10

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

The Roman church at the time was struggling to support each other. There were tensions between members of the community and it was driving them apart. Paul encourages them to work together, using their God given gifts to support one another. Paul goes on to say that as a community, we honor one another through sharing those gifts. Those words were not only for the church in Rome, they are for us, today.

Paul says it like it is, “don’t just pretend to love others, really love them!” We love when we support one another. That is exactly what Paul was hoping for the church in Rome, for our church, and for the communities where we live and work. Paul emphasized that we belong to each other. And as we belong to each other, we can share our God given gifts to support each other. As we share our gifts in community, we support one another as we share God’s love. Jesus is the perfect model for living this out in community. He lived his love out by supporting those in need in the community. We follow Jesus by doing the same thing in our community. As a community at Prince of Peace, we come together knowing that we are different. We don’t all see things the same way. Nor should we! We come to learn and grow in our faith and awareness of God’s work in the world. When Paul wrote Romans he knew that every community is built of individuals, all with various opinions and ideas. We are called to put aside our differences and use our God given gifts to support one another as we go through life together. When we support one another we share the love of God every time!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a time when you supported someone by using your gifts.
- What is God teaching us in this passage?
- How might this passage change the way we think about the way we support one another?
- Why is it important for us to lean into our giftedness? How does that impact the whole community?

APPLICATION: This week, take some time to think about a gift that God has given you. How might that gift help support others in the community? Call a friend and talk about that. Help them identify their gift too!