



Because of Jesus, Everybody Gets to Play!

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- Introduce the theme: In the family of God, no one is left out. Because of Jesus, every person has a role to play regardless of age, stage, personality, or life situation.

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- Share a time when you felt left out (on a team, at work, in family, or even in church). What made it difficult?
- What is one way you've felt especially included or valued in community?

DISCOVER

Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-19 together as a group

- What does Paul's imagery of the body teach us about belonging and significance in the church?
- Verse 18 says God placed the parts "just where He wants them." How does that challenge comparison, envy, or feelings of insignificance?

Read Galatians 3:26-28 together as a group

- What does this passage say about our identity? How does "putting on Christ" reshape how we see ourselves and others?
- What walls (age, status, culture, family background, personality differences) has Jesus torn down in your own experience?

APPLY

- Where are you tempted to think, "My role doesn't matter," or "I don't really belong"?
- Conversely, where might pride creep in—believing your stage of life, personality, or gift is "more important"?
- How can you practically affirm and include someone in your church community this week—especially someone different from you?

RESPOND

- What are you going to do this week to connect with your church family intentionally OR to invite someone into the family of God?

GROUP PRAYER

Take time for prayer requests and celebrations and then spend time praying for these things specifically:

- **Gratitude:** Thank God that He has adopted us into His family through Jesus.
- **Repentance:** Confess moments of comparison, pride, or self-exclusion.
- **Requests:** Ask the Spirit to empower the gifts of all believers in your group/church and to build greater unity across differences.

CLOSING

- Remind the group that *our first identity is as children of God*. Every other role or gift flows out of that.
- Encourage members to look for opportunities to affirm and include others this week, remembering: *Because of Jesus, everybody gets to play a part. If they haven't taken the Spiritual Gifts assessment yet, they can access it at gifts.gethope.net.*
- *Next week, we are starting our new series called Family of Families*