



# WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** Over the past few years, we've been able to accomplish great things in our community as we work together... but there's more. God has world-changing work for us to accomplish, but the only way to do it is to work together - not just in partnership, but in deep relationships.

## 2. BIBLE VERSE:

1 Corinthians 12:12 [NLT]

*"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ."*

Your body is only healthy and strong when all your systems and organs are interconnected and working together. It's the same way for the body of Christ - the Church. God needs a stronger-than-ever representation in our community, and that means we need to be more connected and united than ever.

Q . What are a few organs your body could live without? How would losing them affect your health and strength? What are some activities you'd be unable to do after losing them?

Q . Just being at a church service doesn't make someone connected to the body. What does it look like to be disconnected? (Give some examples!) What does it look like, then, to be connected?

## 3. DISCUSSION:

1 Corinthians 12:27 [ESV]

*"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."*



Flex your biceps. Every time you lift a gallon of milk or bring your toothbrush to your mouth, that action is accomplished by about 250,000 individual muscle fibers.

On its own, a muscle fiber could do next to nothing, but together, the bicep muscle group can do some impressive stuff. Your role in God's Church is vital - but it can only be fully realized when you work in harmony with others.

Q . What are some functions or roles that you feel like the Holy Spirit has assigned to you?

Q . What are some ways that being connected relationally could help you to do God's work better (be specific!)? How might working with others allow you to have a greater impact than what you could do by yourself?



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Talk to God for a few minutes about your role in His body. Ask Him to empower you to be stronger as an individual, to work in harmony with other Christians, and to grow in relationships with others, so that the whole body benefits.



# LIFE IS A HIGHWAY: DETOUR

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**1. POWER VERSE:** John 16:33 *"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

**What's up:** "Trust In God! Don't Forget, He Has Never Failed You Yet!"

This week, we conclude our series called, "Life Is A Highway".  
In this series, we learned that life is a lot like a highway.

## 2. ACTIVITY:

On a sheet of paper, draw two dots with several inches of space between them, and label the dots Home and Store. Ask your kids the following questions:

- Q. Can you draw the best way to get from Home to the Store?
- Q. Why is that the best way? (it's the shortest)
- Q. Is the shortest way the only way?
- Q. Is the shortest way always the best way?
- Q. What are some reasons to take a different route?
- Q. Can you draw some other ways to get from Home to the Store? (help them draw some curvy lines that connect the two dots)

Sometimes we have a goal or a dream we want to accomplish in life, and the way to achieve it seems pretty obvious. We work hard and take all the steps needed to accomplish the goal, but sometimes things happen that cause us to detour from our goal.



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Thank God for leading you on life's highway. Ask Him to help you through times when you feel like you're not accomplishing your goal.

## 3. DISCUSSION:



Q. What are some things that might force us to take a detour?

Q. How do we feel when we have to take a detour?

Q. Does a detour mean that we'll never accomplish the goal?

Detours in life are inevitable, but that doesn't mean God has abandoned us. Trusting God may seem hard, but it's the only way to ultimately achieve our goals. God isn't surprised by detours!

