

STUDY ON EQUIPMENT PREPARATION

Journey Together 2025 Weekly Sermon Series

Warming Up... 1. What were your first memories or impressions of BCEC when you first attended? 2. What were your first memories or impressions of LifeGroup when you first joined?		Aims & Objectives of today's session: - That the journey together consists of people not things. - That it is good to share resources, to offer help and to ask for help - To invest in people and commit to praying.
Direct Route 1. Read Romans 12:3-21 as a group together, and then read alone individually to let it sink in twice. 2. What do you know about spiritual gifts? What does Paul say about them in the passage? 3. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Please share. (It is fine if you do not know). 4. Of the things listed from Paul, from vv9-21, which item is an obvious thing for him to mention? Why? 5. Share which one would you consider to be the most difficult thing to do, from that list? Why? 6. Why do you think Paul listed those things? 7. Partner up and spend some time sharing in more depth about the thing you find most difficult from that list, and then dedicate extra time at the end to pray for each other.	Scenic Route 1. Read Romans 12:3-8. What can we learn about spiritual gifts here? Do you know what spiritual gifts you have been blessed with? 2. Read Romans 12:9-21. What are some things from Paul's list which are obvious things we should do? 3. What are some things you personally feel like it is a challenge to you, currently? 4. When it comes to people around us, why is it important to take heed and listen to Paul's words here? What benefit would that have? 5. Ansy shared in her sermon about 4 points concerning our community or village members to help with journeying together. Do you remember what they were? Which one would you consider to be the most important? 6. What are some practical ways we can do to be better in supporting members of our church that might be forgotten about, or people that we may not choose to associate with. 7. Consider a few minutes of quiet asking God to reveal to you someone within church who you may not normally associate with or talk to, or someone you avoid or dislike. 8. Now partner up and spend some time sharing (you don't need to disclose names if you don't want! Also try to not have it be a gossip slander session!). Spend some time praying for this individual, for God to bless them.	Extra notes for the leader: Ansy's sermon on preparation equipment wasn't so much on the "what" side of things to pack, but the importance of "who" to involved as part of our community/village. The four things were: that it comes at a <i>cost</i> (time and energy); <i>compassion</i> for each other (in offering forgiveness and grace); <i>collaborations</i> and <i>contributions</i> (through sharing resources, skills and advice); and <i>communication</i> (such as encouragement and prayer). In case you or your members did not receive a prayer list for 2025 , encourage them to download and print one off, putting down 31 names to commit to praying for each day of the month. You can find that pdf here . Homework / Challenge for this week Commit to praying for the brother/sister who you were paired up with. If you did the scenic route, also commit to praying for the person God revealed to you as prayed in Q8. Consider the people who you would consider as part of your village. Ending with prayer Lord, we loved because you first loved us. Teach us how to love like how you loved. May your love transform us from the inside out so that your love overflows to those around us. Help us to love those we may find difficult to love. In Jesus' name. Amen.