

***Everyone Serves***  
**1 Corinthians 12.4-7**

Introduction:

**I. The unity of varied ministries**

A. The unity of the T\_\_\_\_\_

B. The unity of the m\_\_\_\_\_

**II. The pattern of varied ministries**

A. A w\_\_\_\_\_ for everyone

B. E\_\_\_\_\_ at work

**III. The benefit of varied ministries**

A. Everyone is d\_\_\_\_\_ (14): No cookie cutter Christians

B. Everyone has a f\_\_\_\_\_ (16): No disabled Christians

C. Everyone is mutually d\_\_\_\_\_ (17, 21): No stand alone  
Christians

D. Everyone is p\_\_\_\_\_ (18): No super star Christians

E. Everyone is h\_\_\_\_\_ (22): No undecorated Christians

F. Everyone is s\_\_\_\_\_ with the others (25, 26): No lone  
ranger Christians

Conclusion:

**Questions for reflection or small group discussion**

- What is the metaphor used in the text for the church?
- List some things the Trinity teaches us about God?
- Why would Paul use the Trinity to teach about the church?
- How do you feel about others serving you?
- Can you list some ways that others serve you in our church?
- How has this service to you been beneficial to your discipleship?
- How have you (or could you) express your appreciation for this service to you?
- How do we make sure our differences do not cause division?
- How do you enjoy serving others?
- How do you serve others best?
- How have others commended you for your service?
- What can you do to avoid the temptation of trying to be spiritually self-sufficient?
- How could we improve at showing honor to whom honor is due?
- Rate yourself as a "team player" when it comes to serving?
- How could you be a better "team player"?
- What next steps will you take to serve through our congregation?