

Contribution Message 3

BEING THE CHURCH

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Outline

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

Being the church requires contributing your...

1. _____. (Romans 12:1-3. C/R: Matthew 12:33; Mark 5:19; 1 Peter 2:11-12; 3:15)

2. ______ spiritual gift. (Romans 12:4-8. C/R: 1 Corinthians 12:7; 15; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 2:19) 3. attitude.

(Romans 12:9-12. C/R: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Philippians 2:3; Colossians 3:23)

4. ______finances. (Romans 12:13. C/R: Psalm 112:9; Acts 20:35; Romans 15:27; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8-9)

Engage

How is your personal contribution to the church helping fulfill the mission of the church? This week, ask God how He desires for you to be a regular contributor. Post a picture or text on social media using the hashtag **#AsWeGo** and tag **@BrookwoodChurch** so we can engage with one another.

Answers: 1. Perspective **2.** Particular **3.** Positive **4.** Personal **Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible.* C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at <u>biblegateway.com</u>, <u>biblestudytools.com</u>, or <u>bible.com</u>. **Find a Small Group** at <u>brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups</u>.

Conversation Starter

I still have so much to learn about ______.

Opening in Prayer

The Law of the LORD is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people. Psalm 19:7 (CEV) Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

 Begin by reflecting on what it means to *be the church*. What did God have in mind? What does it mean to call ourselves a church? What impact should the church be having on our world and in people's lives? Use this space to capture some of your thoughts...

Read Romans 12:1-2.

- 2. What does it mean to *give our bodies to God*... to be *a living sacrifice*? *See also*: <u>Psalm 51:16-17</u>; <u>Hebrews 13:15-17</u>.
- 3. What specific things can we do (and not do) to *let God transform us*? *See also*: <u>2 Corinthians 10:3-5</u>; <u>Philippians 4:6-9</u>.
- 4. What does this passage say are some results of being transformed? *See also*: <u>2 Corinthians 9:8-11</u>; <u>Galatians 5:22-23</u>.
- 5. How does God use broken people to grow His church? See also: <u>2 Corinthians 1:3-7</u>; <u>Galatians 6:4-7</u>; <u>Ephesians 4:11-16</u>.

Read Romans 12:3-8.

- 6. Who is given special gifts to benefit the health of the church? Which phrases in the passage support your response?
- 7. What is your *special function* in the church and how are you using it? *See also*: <u>1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 1 Peter 4:7-11</u>.
- 8. What principles of giving are taught in <u>2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-9</u>?

Respond to the following questions by prayerfully reflecting on these passages: <u>Psalm 73:25-26</u>; <u>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</u>; <u>1 John 1:1-4</u>.

9. My passion for Christ in recent days has been ______.

10.If someone asked you how they could grow in their passion for God, how would you respond?

Soul Training

Your life matters. You have an incredible, irreplaceable contribution to the church and this world. Read <u>Psalm 139:13-14</u>. Spend time in quiet, eyes fixed on God, allowing Him to delight in you. Ask Him to help you <u>see</u> and <u>feel</u> and <u>act</u> out your role at Brookwood with greater passion and faithfulness.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>Hebrews 13:15-17</u> Day 2: <u>2 Corinthians 10:3-5</u> Day 3: <u>2 Corinthians 9:8-11</u> Day 4: <u>2 Corinthians 1:3-7</u> Day 5: <u>Psalm 73:23-26</u>

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 20, we'll close our message series #AsWeGo \rightarrow with a conversation about CONSUMING COMPASSION. To prepare for the message, spend some time reading <u>2 Corinthians 5:18-21</u> and <u>1 Corinthians 9:19-27</u>.



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