



THE MYSTERY OF DIFFERENCES

1 Corinthians 12:12

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.

1 God created us to be interdependent not to be independent.

1 Corinthians 12:14-15

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.

2 You do not need to become someone different to belong.

1 Corinthians 12:17

If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

3 There is great value in our differences.

1 Corinthians 12:18

But in fact God has arranged (placed, set) the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

EXERCISE

The word "set" is a Jeweler's term. The Jeweler has three goals in mind when creating a set and placing the stone. Brainstorm with your team and write down what you think the three goals are below with a brief explanation.



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THE JEWELER WANTS TO:

- 1. Secure the stone for a lifetime.
- 2. Show Off the stone.
- 3. Hide the imperfections of the stone.

1 Corinthians 12:18

But in fact God has arranged (placed, set) the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

4 Our differences are designed to complete us not to defeat us.

5 What you decide to do with differences will divide you or unite you.
