Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

A letter written by Paul, a follower of Jesus after Jesus' death.

He wrote this letter to a group of Christians in the city of Corinth (in Achaia, located in the Roman province of Asia). The Corinthian Church was having issues with divisions amongst their believers.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Paul describes how every person in the church has a role, like how every part of the human body has a role.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 2: FORMED INTO A COMMUNITY

1 Corinthians 12:12 – 26 (NIV)

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one
body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to
form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all
given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part
but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to
the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if
the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it
would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 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? 18 But in fact God has placed the
parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they
were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts,
but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot
say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body
that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are
less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are
unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable
parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving
greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division
in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If
one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part
rejoices with it.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

We each have an important role in the body of Christ. How might God have uniquely equipped you for your call to healthcare? How can you use these gifts to help or love others? Write your application from the passage below:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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