

Devotional

Interested in using a story from this publication as a devotion for a group gathering? Here's an outline you could use — or feel free to create your own!

Opening

Leader: As in one body we have many members,

Response: So we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Reading

Select and read a biblical passage from the following list:

Mark 12:41-44

Luke 10:25-27

Acts 2:43-47

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

2 Corinthians 7:16 - 8:7

Galatians 5:22-26

Next, choose and read one story from this publication. See pages 6-17.

Discussion

Choose and discuss one or more of the following questions:

- In what way(s) does this story exemplify the biblical passage you read?
- Identify the passion that motivated the people in the story. What passions motivate people in your ministry setting?
- What is one thing you learned about ministry across the ELCA from this story?
- How might you share this with others in your ministry setting?
- What new idea for ministry in your setting does this story inspire?

Closing

L: Let us pray.

R: Gracious God, we cannot begin to know all the ways we, as your church, respond to the needs of the world. We thank you for the generosity shared from across our church. Give us strength to respond to your call to live out our faith in service to our neighbors, near and far. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

