

Curriculum



SAMPLE ***Stand Together***

Unity
Diversity
Culture
Wartiness
Comfort

A sample study from the Stand Together volume begins on the following page.



LEARN: Overview

Biblical Business Training (“BBT”) equips people to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and empowers leaders in a small-group Bible study setting to apply Biblical principles at work. Our mission is [Faith for Work](#) – and our vision is [Leadership for Life!](#)

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Curriculum: The BBT 1-2-3™ Format

BBT curriculum is rooted in Scripture and applicable the day you study it. The BBT 1-2-3™ format enables the group to have a consistent Biblical basis for discussion.



1 Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



2 Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



3 Recap – Encourages community and application



LIVE: Sample of Stand Together

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Creation

The heaviest known singular organism, more than six thousand tons in fact, is a colony of aspen trees in western Utah in the United States. There are thousands of distinct, unique trees, yet they all live off a single root system and function as one organism. One, yet many. According to experts, if you plant one tree alone, it will struggle and be susceptible to disease, drastic weather changes, and other environmental stress. But, many trees growing together, face stressors together. Their surviving and thriving traces back to the way God designed them to live – life flowing between old and young, tall and short, weak and sturdy with an invisible, intricate, connection below the soil.

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We too have invisible, intricate connections beneath what others see. Because God created our inmost being and knit us together in our mother's wombs. (Psalm 139:13) One body, many diverse parts. Our brain handles 38,000 trillion operations per second, communicating through 12 miles worth of nerves that run through our spinal columns to every part of our body. Each part is just a part until they are connected and needed for surviving together. Since God knows how things work – is it possible we could learn how we are to work together from His and other aspects of His creation?



LIVE

Discussion questions: Read the text and scriptures below, and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read [Romans 12:3-8](#). According to these verses, how are we to consider the ways we work together as “the body of Christ?”
2. Read [Philippians 2:1-4](#). Describe a situation where you placed the interest of others above your own, or maybe you did the opposite. What was the outcome?
3. Read [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#) and re-read [Romans 12:3](#). What difference does collaboration make in the workplace and how can you collaborate within a diverse team?
4. Read [Hebrews 10:23-25](#). What personal habits or thoughts of yours might hinder this kind of collaboration?
5. Read [1 Corinthians 12:18-21](#). How do you celebrate collaboration while maintaining individual productivity?

Application Question: How is humility a foundational behavior for embracing diversity and successful collaboration?



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Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



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Discussion Questions: Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

- 1) Read [Romans 12:3-8](#). According to these verses, how are we to consider the ways we work together as “the body of Christ?”



We need one another.



We are called to share the load, be generous with wisdom and support one another to withstand the stressors of our environment. The quirky perspectives, impressive abilities, and unpredictable insights of the people God has placed in our lives are diverse in purpose, and necessary for us to thrive.



For additional discussion, you might say, “Share a time when someone else’s gifts have been vital to your thriving.”

Notes:

- 2) Read [Philippians 2:1-5](#). Describe a situation where you placed the interest of others above your own, or maybe you did the opposite. What was the outcome?



For all our many differences, we are one in Christ Jesus. (see [Romans 3:23](#))



The energy and influence of others helps us stay humble and can help keep us focused on common ground. We grow through friction and encouragement from others with whom we work and live. Our connection, no matter how different we are from one another, is how we can stand united and prevail in honoring and glorifying Christ through our work together.



For additional discussion, you might ask, “What would it mean to be of one mind with someone we don’t always agree with?”

Notes:

- 3) Read [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#) and re-read [Romans 12:3](#). What difference does collaboration make in the workplace and how can you collaborate within a diverse team?



Those who work together in this way, yield a good return for their efforts.



Instead of thinking of it as sharing the work, what if your perspective was to utilize each person's unique gifts given to them by God? Each person brings different experiences, abilities, perspectives, and ideas that when respected and appreciated become more than the sum of the parts. As "members of the body" ([Romans 12:4](#)) we need each other since not one of us has *all* the available gifts and abilities.

Notes:

- 4) Read [Hebrews 10:23-25](#). What personal habits or thoughts of yours might hinder this kind of collaboration?



Your fears and biases may linger as you admit your limitations, but glory comes from a focus on His faithful promises.



Criticizing others, being unaware of our blind spots, and poor leadership can destroy collaborative environments rather than encourage excellence. But when we are humbly asking one another for help, recognizing the diverse gifts of each other, and truly have a vested interest in the combined success, we can better tolerate being spurred on to greater things for God's glory.

Notes:

- 5) Read [1 Corinthians 12:18-27](#). How do you celebrate collaboration while maintaining individual productivity?



While you can celebrate diversity and create collaboration, there is still a responsibility for the value of each person and every gift they bring to the table.



While every part is required to do its job, prideful isolation is not God's design. Each part has to contribute to the greater good so things aren't thrown off balance. For example, if the small intestine doesn't do its job, the large intestine has to work that much harder and do something it wasn't designed to do. We each have a job we've been designed to do so as not to increase the burden on others.



For additional discussion, you might ask, "Is there a part of your work that when not completed affects others' productivity or the outcome of the whole team?"

Notes:

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Ask Yourself: How am I embracing the diversity of many with a unified, productive approach?

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This lesson reveals how imperative it is that through our diversity, we can cultivate a stronger unity that allows us not only to survive but thrive together.



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Paul uses the image of each of the parts of the body that contribute to the function of the whole, to encourage Christians to share their labor allowing each to use their gifts. The Church at Philippi is encouraged to set aside pride to better serve one another and work together for the Kingdom. Paul reminds the church in Corinth that their diversity of gifts is a strength rather than a weakness.

Scripture references for this study: [Romans 12:3-8](#), [Philippians 2:1-4](#), [Romans 3:23](#), [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#), [Hebrews 10:23-25](#), and [1 Corinthians 12:18-21](#)

The Genius of One book chapter references: 3-7



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- Share burdens
- Stay humble
- Celebrate differences

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