

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

DIGGING DEEPER (cont.)

3. Read Romans 12 taking note of the things that Paul tells us **to do**, and **not to do**. Now reread verses 1 & 2.
 - How is living as a “living sacrifice” a non-conformist view? And how does the “renewing of our minds” help us live this way?
 - Verses 3-8 discuss how we are to use our gifts as “one body in Christ.” Although many Bibles will have a topic heading between verses 8 & 9, this is one thought. What influence should verses 9-21 have on verses 3-8? In other words, why did Paul write these thoughts together?

TAKING IT HOME

1. In what ways is creativity a regular part of your life? If your answer is “not many,” how can your group encourage you to allow creativity to creep into your job, your family relationships, or your Christian experience?
2. Have you discovered how God has wired you to contribute as part of one body in Christ? If you have, share how God has designed you for good works, for service to others, for worship of God. If you have not, give this some thought and prayer this week. The church needs everyone working together as God has designed us. Take a look at the serving inventory on the website to help you in your thinking: firstfreelincoln.org/serving-inventory.

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Series: “Back to The Future” - *Coming back to where we want to go*

Message #1: “Our future is creative”

Speaker: Pastor Mark Brunott

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MESSAGE NOTES:

1. Introduction
2. **Discover** your gifts & talents.
3. **Develop** your gifts & talents.
4. **Deploy** your gifts & talents.

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QUICK REVIEW

This series focuses on our Vision Statement. Here it is:

To be a creative, grace-filled, outward-focused church full of joyful people who are deeply committed to one another.

Mark showed several video clips illustrating creativity. What is/was your reaction to those videos? Did any especially stand out to you?

MY STORY

1. What was, or is, your favorite type of toy or childhood pastime? LEGOS? Coloring? Dolls or action figures? Do you remember one in particular that was special to you?
2. If you could have any creative gift or skill, what would it be? At your current age and stage of life, how could you use this gift to bring God glory and build His kingdom?

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2. We are going to read a couple of verses and then tie them in to Genesis 1:1 and 1:27. Read Psalm 139:14-16, Isaiah 64:8, and Ephesians 2:10.
 - What evidence do you see in these three verses that God is still as intentional with “our” creation as He was with Adam and Eve?
 - Now add in the verses from Genesis 1. Man was designed in God’s image, and if God is the creative one, are we also made to be creative? Explain.
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16.
 - What encouragement does Paul give to Timothy regarding the gifts he has been given?
 - Paul says that Timothy’s gifts came through prophecy and the laying on of hands by the Elders. In verse 15, why do you think Paul told Timothy to practice his gifts? (NLT = “give complete attention to”; MSG = “cultivate”)
 - Should our gifts be “easy” for us to discover and use?