

Jesus' Body Is the Church

1 Corinthians 12

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What metaphor does the Bible repeatedly use to describe the church?

Rom. 12:4-8, Eph. 5:23,30; Col. 1:18,24

Who gets to be part of the body? (12:1-2)

How do you become part of the body? (12:3-6)

What powers does the Holy Spirit give the body? (12:7-11)

Why are we given gifts? (12:7)

What is the nature of this body? (12:12-13)

Who are the parts of the body? (12:12-13)

Who puts the body together? (12:18,24)

How do the parts of the body relate to one other? (12:14-21)

Which parts of the body are more important than others? (12:22-26)

Which parts of the body have the “greater gifts”? (12:27-28,31)

Do all the members of the body have all the same gifts? (12:29-30)

What does this mean for us?

Unity not division

Service not selfishness

Empathy not envy

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

You † Your Family † Your Friends † Your Community Group

1. How would you react if someone said that you used to be a pagan?
2. If you are no longer a pagan, then by definition you must be a Christian. How do you know you're a Christian? How did God save you? Briefly share your testimony with each other. Challenge: is it possible you're not a Christian? Then believe in Jesus and be saved!
3. What gifts has God given you? How have you used your gifts in the church? Challenge: in what ways could you better use your gifts “for the common good” (12:7)? Be specific.
4. In the sermon, we considered division in the church in terms of physical and spiritual. Evaluate yourselves on both dimensions. How are you in terms of physical togetherness with the rest of the church? For example, how is your church attendance? Who are the people you haven't seen in a while that you can encourage to come (back) to church? How are you in terms of spiritual togetherness? For example, do you tend to be a unifier, or do you have a tendency to be divisive?
5. Dozens of church members have left recently. What are you doing in terms of sharing the gospel and making disciples to build us back up? Share with your group the people you are actively reaching out to. Pray for each other's efforts. Pray for the Lord to grant salvation to those who hear the gospel from your lips.