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1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Message Notes
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The Church - The Body of Christ:

Jesus! (Ephesians 4:15-16, Colossians 1:18)

Unity. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 4:3)

Diversity. (1 Corinthians 12:18-19, Romans 12:4-6a, Ephesians 4:16)

Interdependence. (Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:25-26)

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Growth Group Questions

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1. Welcome back to Growth Group! This 6-week Fall session runs through the week before Thanksgiving. Take a few minutes to catch up with one another. How has God been working in the life of you (and your family)? As you follow Jesus, how do you see the Holy Spirit helping/guiding/changing you?
2. On Sunday, we studied Paul's metaphor of the church as the Body of Christ. Re-read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and review the sermon outline (on back). What observations, insights or questions did the Holy Spirit bring to your mind through that metaphor and/or passage?
3. When you consider the universal church (all true believers everywhere throughout all time), how does it affect the way you think of yourself as an individual Christian? In Chula Vista, have you experienced/seen much visible unity among genuine believers?
4. Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2, Ephesians 3:14, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Matthew 12:49-50, and 1 John 3:14-18. Discuss the metaphor used for the church in these passages and what we can learn from it.
5. Through all of the study of this topic, what is God teaching YOU about the church and YOUR part in it?
6. Let's spend some time spurring one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)! Discuss how might God want to use each of you to OUTFLOW His love to others in the next few weeks? Do you have plans to take advantage of the fact that Halloween will bring your neighbors out of their houses? As you close in prayer, ask God to work through each of you in ways that will help others to know and follow Jesus.