

## **STAY CONNECTED**

### Stay Connected with the Body of Christ Ephesians 4:12-16

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Truth: God designed the church to function as a body with Christ as the Head and His people working together to build the Kingdom of God.

#### **Why Must We Stay Connected with the body of Christ?**

- Because Christ, the Head, is the source of Truth as written in the Bible
- Because God designed the church to equip Christ followers for two main purposes: to prepare you for ministry, and to build up the body of Christ (this includes unity, fellowship, and leading people to Christ)
- Because God designed the body of Christ to be witnesses to a world who needs forgiveness and restoration

#### **How Do We Stay Connected with Body of Christ?**

- Practice your calling with humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love, and maintain unity of the Spirit, 4:2-3
- Remember that God equips each member individually to function as part of the whole body of Christ. When you do not do your part or you cause disunity in the body, the body as a whole suffers, 4:16, 1 Cor 12:26
- You need the church more than the church needs you, 4:11-12

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

When the church functions as a body with Christ as the head, three things are guaranteed to happen: Biblical truth is celebrated and proclaimed, the body functions as one unified body showing the world the joy and power of being a Christ follower, and the body will be persecuted.

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