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1 Corinthians 12:12-27

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. **14** For the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." **22** On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, **24** which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, **25** that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. **27** Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The church does not exist for **you**. **You** are the church and you exist for the world.

As the Church, you are called to **contribute** not **consume**.

God calls us to contribute **IN** the church.

You are gifted but your gifts are not for **you**. They are for those **around** you.

One of the greatest ways to show your **faith** is with your **finances**.

Saved people **serve** people.

You are what the church needs.

Most often, God works through **people**.

If you want to see God's **power**, get **connected** with and **committed** to God's **people**.

God calls us to contribute **AS** His Church.

- **Looking back at the previous week, what is it that you spent the most of your time doing?**
- **Pastor Chris talked about how we, the church, are the hope of the world. How can you be a part of bringing hope into your world?**
- **Explain how country club membership and church membership are different.**
- **How are the different parts of the body (Ear, nose, mouth, hand, foot, eyes, etc...) related to church membership? How do the parts play out at Vision?**
- **In relation to church membership, why is it important for members to know and use their spiritual gifts?**
- **Have someone in the group read Matthew 5:14-16. How bright is your light shining?**