



Core Work

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"Unity in Diversity and Living Sent"

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Key Verses: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-27 and John 20:19-22

Key Thought: Two of our core values— which stabilize and strengthen our community, like our abdominal muscles stabilize and strengthen our whole body— are 1) to embrace our ultimate unity in Christ, which enables our diversity to be a gift and not a liability, and 2) to live as people who are sent from Jesus, fulfilling HIS will for the good of others.

Points to Consider:

- (View an articulation of our vision at ccclive.org/mission-and-vision.)
- We are on a mission to "awaken the broken to a life of wholeness found in Jesus" because we believe so strongly in the values of unity in diversity and living sent.
- 1 Cor. 12:12-13: The Church is identified with Christ, and our unity in Christ by the Spirit supersedes our diversity (e.g., our differences in ethnicity or socioeconomic status).
- 1 Cor. 12:14-24a: It is unwise for body parts to seek to dismember themselves or others! For each is essential and reflects God's creational intent. → This addresses both an inferiority complex and a superiority complex, which weaken the unity of the church.
- 1 Cor. 12:24b-27: God has assembled the church. → As the wedding liturgy, "What GOD has joined together, let HUMANS not dismember."
- John 20:21: God is a sender. The Father sent Jesus. Jesus sends us. → Patterned after God, Christ Community Church is a sending church.
- We are also a sent church, which refers to each one of us. → We must live to fulfill God's will through our lives for the good of others, above our own.

Discussion Prompts:

- Am I living as a part of the body? (**Rate 1-5, with an explanation.*)
- What transforms diversity from a liability into a gift? Why?
- How is my table becoming diverse (e.g., at home, work, play)? [Mission Measure #3]
- Rate 1-5 my awareness that I am "sent," with an explanation.
- Am I making disciples who make disciples (e.g., among family, neighbors, nations)? [Mission Measure #4] (**Rate 1-5, with an explanation.*)
- What might it mean for me to "live sent" right now?
- How, specifically, do these two core values provide motivation for our mission?