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**One Body - Many Parts  
#26 of 33— April 29, 2018**

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4) Read and reflect on 1 Cor. 12-14, Rom. 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:7-13 and 1 Peter 4:10-11. How would you classify these spiritual gifts into categories? What happens in the church when the various categories are over emphasized above others? What do we need to learn from this at Sequoia?

5) If you haven't already done so complete the free Spiritual Gift Survey and discuss the results with your impact community. <http://giftstest.com>

6) How can you be proactive in leveraging the various gifts in your IC? How could these changes impact our ability to be a Family of Servants on Mission? What changes do you need to make to ensure this happens?

7) The church is a family and in any family there are responsibilities (like taking out the garbage and washing the dishes) that must be in place for the family to function well. These functions don't require spiritual gifts, just a commitment to the family. How do we balance the tension between serving in our gifts and serving the church family so things function well?

8) In what ways do you need to better leverage your spiritual gifts? What is God asking you to do in this regard?



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### One Body - Many Parts

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
April 29, 2018



In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12-14 Paul challenges the church to:

**Pursue unity and not disunity.**

**Pursue unity but not uniformity.**

**Pursue unity rooted in unconditional love.**

**Big Idea: Seek to operate holistically within the body of Christ as you fulfill your role.**

**Holistic: Characterized by comprehension of the parts of something as intimately interconnected and explicable only by reference to the whole.**

- **There are many parts of the body.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-17 The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

1 Cor. 12:13-14 (MSG) “You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you’re still one body. It’s exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything.

- **All the body parts are necessary for complete form and function.**

1 Corinthians 12:15-17 If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

- **God wisely arranges the parts of the body for mutual interdependence.**

1 Corinthians 12:18-26 But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. <sup>19</sup> How strange a body would be if it had only one part! <sup>20</sup> Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” <sup>22</sup> In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. <sup>23</sup> And the parts we regard as less honourable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, <sup>24</sup> while the more honourable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honour and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. <sup>25</sup> This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honoured, all the parts are glad.

1 Cor. 12:25-31 (MSG)

- **Each believer is an integral part of the body with an important role to play.**

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it. <sup>28</sup> Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

first are apostles,  
second are prophets,  
third are teachers,  
then those who do miracles,  
those who have the gift of healing,  
those who can help others,  
those who have the gift of leadership,  
those who speak in unknown languages.

<sup>29</sup> Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! <sup>31</sup> So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

#### What is your next step?

- **Embrace the reality that you are an integral part of the body.**
- **Engage as an active part of the body.**
- **Exercise your gifting within the body of Christ, for God’s glory.**

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today’s 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT) and the Message Bible (MSG).*