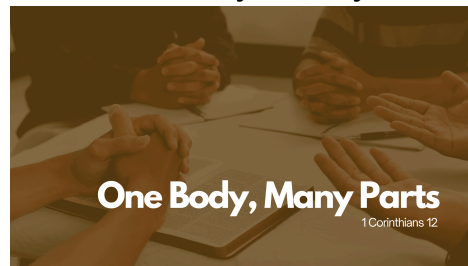


Connect Group Guide: “One Body, Many Parts” | 1 Corinthians 12



Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:11-27

Sermon Link: [▶ One Body, Many Parts | 1 Corinthians 12](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Do you think all churches are the same and should be the same? Why?
- What is the difference between being ‘united’ and being the same?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [▶ The Church - UPPERROOM & Bethel Music \(feat. Abbie Gamboa, Jen...](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Define unity in your own words.
- What has been your experience of church unity? Do you think it is important?

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:11-27

- What is the significance of the church being described as a body?
- Paul says that there is one body with one spirit and many different parts. How does it make you feel to know that everyone who belongs to Christ is part of the same body?

- Why is it important to view people's individual gifts in the context of the larger church body?
- Have you always viewed all parts of the "body" as equally valid and important? Please share...
- God distributes gifts as He determines. Why do you think we sometimes desire the gifts of other people or parts of the "body" of Christ?
- How can we encourage parts of the "body" that might feel like their roles are less important?
- Children are just as part of the "body" of Christ as the adults are. Discuss...
- Paul says that there should be no division in the body. What causes division amongst believers?
- How can we actively work towards unity within the church?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Every part of the body needs the other. How can you and I practically and actively pursue unity with other members of the body?
- Jesus did not exclude kids from any activities he was involved in, and was indignant when the disciples wanted to keep them away from him. How can we pray and encourage our young people more as they find their place in the "body" of Christ?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray that we may find unity in the person of Jesus and his death and resurrection. Pray also that we may prioritise unity as we each function in our God-given gifts to build one another up.

