

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *ONE Spirit*

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 13 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.

– 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NLT)

Since Jesus only has one body and the church of Christ forms his body together as one. It makes sense that there is only one Spirit for that one body. God is not divided and the body though having many parts is not divided as well. For in the Spirit we were all immersed into one diverse body. We are a new community in Christ with no separation due to wealth or race. The church is a Christ community where all drink from the same deep refreshing well of the Holy Spirit's unity and power.

Discussion

1. How would you describe the church as being connected to the one body through the one Spirit?
2. Describe the difficulties of a church populated with Jews, Gentiles, slaves, and freemen to meet and worship together in unity?
3. What would be some practices of a new community in Christ living together in unity? What does the new community (the church) offer in teaching our US culture about unity?
4. How are the Holy Spirit and baptism connected in 1 Corinthians 12:13? What does this say about who chooses who gets to be connected?
5. How is baptism a spiritual experience? How is baptism both an individual and communal experience? How can the communal experience be neglected? How can the church seek to correct that?

Application

6. The church has room to grow in living out the unity of the Spirit as one body. How can you help the body of Christ practice unity?
7. Spend time recognizing God's activity by sharing how you have seen unity in your church. Encourage each other and build each other up in prayer.

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