

**NEXT
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SUNDAY**

**THE CHURCH IS NOT A PLACE,
IT'S A PEOPLE**

The human **body** has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the **body** of **Christ**. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free.

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. Yes, the body has many **different parts, not just one part. 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.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

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? If the **whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?**

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. 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.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

For we are **God's masterpiece**. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10

**WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO NEED
EVERY UNIQUE PART**

Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages?

1 Corinthians 12:29-31

Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me **show you a way of life that is **best** of all.**

1 Corinthians 12:29-31

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge,

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I **didn't** love others, I would have gained **nothing**.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO LOVE

You are coming to Christ, who is the **living cornerstone** of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

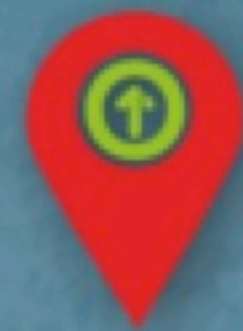
1 Peter 2:4-5

And you are **living stones** that God is building into his **spiritual temple**.
What's more, you are his holy priests.
Through the mediation of Jesus Christ,
you offer spiritual sacrifices that please
God.

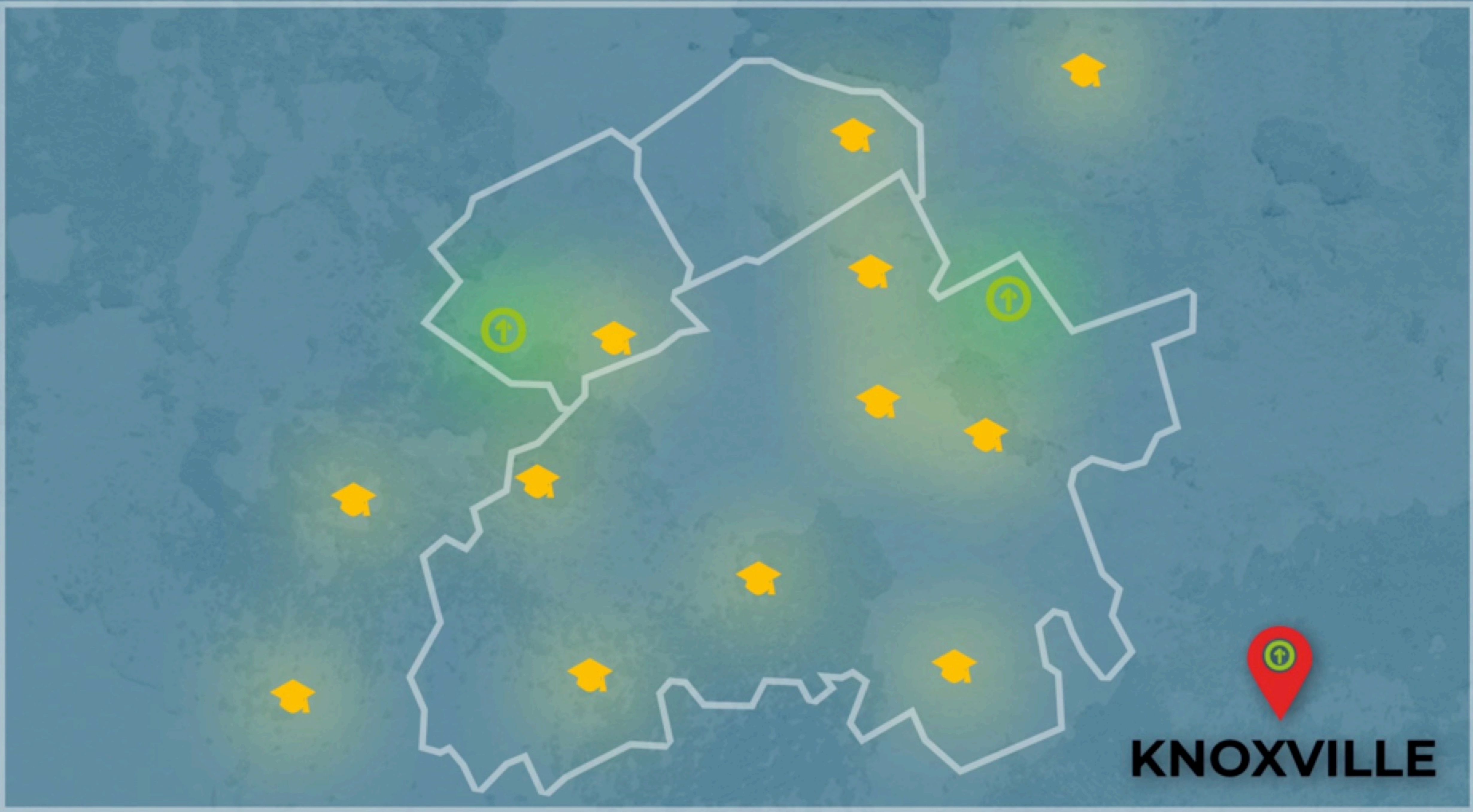
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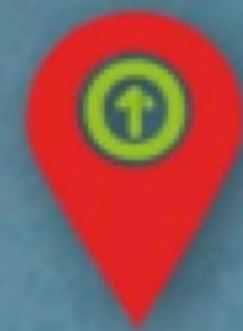
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**WE ARE A PEOPLE WITH A
PURPOSE**

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