



Sermon Discussion Guide

11.27.22 Message | Tyler Myers | 1 Corinthians 12:27

Key Scriptures:

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

- 1 Corinthians 12:26

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

- 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Message Highlights:

- In Corinth and in Quincy, we believe that we are better together.
- There are many things pulling us away from being united together.
- It's not a question of what you *can't* do, but a question of what you *will* do.
- The heartbeat of Rethink Christmas is to help us, as Jesus followers, keep Jesus at the forefront of our decisions and relationships amidst a busy season.

Conversation Starter:

How does practicing gratitude help unite a body of believers? Do you have any Thanksgiving traditions that help make this holiday meaningful?

Discuss the Message:

1. Discuss the implications of 1 Corinthians 12:26; when have you been the recipient of a body of believers rejoicing when you rejoiced or suffering when you suffered?
 - a. If a body of believers truly does take 1 Corinthians 12:26 to heart, how does that differentiate Christians from the rest of the world?
 - b. What are the challenges you have encountered when trying to put this scripture into practice for the sake of your brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. What does Paul mean by earnestly desiring the higher gifts?
 - a. What higher gift, or spiritual gift, do you desire? Is that something you are in communication with the Lord about? Why or why not?



- b. How do the “higher gifts” you have been blessed with uniquely position you to minister to the circles you find yourself in each day? (e.g. your neighborhood circle, your office circle, your kitchen table).
3. How does financial generosity toward missions that matter help us keep Jesus at the forefront of our decisions and relationships this season?
 - a. What missions do you enjoy supporting with your time and/or money? Why?
 - b. What are some ways you can continue to engage with and invest in the missions you support beyond simply donating funds?

Pray:

Father, we are grateful to live among a united body of believers. When we feel anything but united, help us to love others like you do and to earnestly desire the higher gifts that only you give. Give us the mind to notice and celebrate the successes of others. Likewise, help us to be compassionate and to mourn with those who mourn. Even when it is challenging, we want to walk the more excellent path you've shown us. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to live in the light of your love. It's in your son's name we pray Amen.