

SESSION 3

Gathered as a Gifted Body, Into a Loving Family

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. What are some of the implications of the church being a body with many members?

Throughout the New Testament, individuals in the church refer to one another as brothers and sisters. What are some of the implications of the church being a family?

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

Even though Paul talks about every part of the body serving an important function, in your experience do people tend to prioritize certain gifts over others?

How do you think individuals can both discover and use their gifts as a part of the body?

What problems do families tend to have that could also arise in the church?

What are the best things about families that should also be present within the church? Describe in your own words what a church experiencing true family looks like.

ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

How you ever thought about how God has particularly gifted you? How are you personally using your gifts to serve the rest of the body?

Do you tend to look down on certain gifts, or have any superiority towards other “parts of the body”?

What would change about the way you act, speak, and spend your time if you really lived like the believers in the church were your family? What is keeping you from living this way?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

The body doing mission together is more effective than one member doing mission alone. What are some ways you could help your church body be more effective in it’s mission?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

Ask God to help you be faithful to use your gifts in building up the body you are a part of. Ask God to make you a loving member of His family, “standing firm in one Spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the Gospel.” (Philippians 1:27)

