

1 Corinthians 12:24b-26

²⁴But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Background

As we close out our "One Another" series, Pastor David will explain how each one of us plays a vital role in the health and well-being of the whole "body" of Christ. As followers of Jesus, we are all part of His family and we are uniquely designed to take care of one another. As the "family" of God and the "body" of Christ, the way in followers of Jesus treat one another demonstrates the unifying power of the Gospel!

Service Notes:



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The "Getting Started" section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the "Talk it Over" section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the "Live it Out" section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What made you hopeful? What prompted questions? What is one step of obedience you can take this week in following Jesus?

Talk it Over

- What does the passage in 1 Corinthians 12 teach us about who Jesus is and what He came to do? What can we learn about ourselves from this passage? In what ways can this passage reveal God's design and aims for the Church?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–20. Why is the imagery of the "body" such a powerful metaphor for the Church? What do you believe Paul's main point is in this passage? How does this passage change the way you see other believers? How does this passage help you understand the importance of your own role in the body?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:21–26. What happens when the various parts of the 'body' genuinely care for one another (vs 25)? Why is this so important? How are each one of us connected as parts of the 'body' (vs 26)? How would "suffering" and "rejoicing" with others serve as a way to care for each other? How does this passage change your understanding of the importance of the "body" (church)?

Live it Out

What would it look like for you to suffer or celebrate well with someone else? In what ways could you bring encouragement to someone else this week?

