

One Body, Many Parts - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Topics: Holy Spirit, Honor, Humility, Spiritual Gifts, Suffering, Unity

Open It

1. When have you felt insignificant in an organization?
- * 2. What functions in the church do you feel are most important? Why?

Explore It

3. In what way are Christians like a human body? (12:12-13)
4. Why should outward appearances or status not matter to us? (12:13)
5. What unifies all Christians? (12:13)
6. What makes Christians unified and dependent on one another? (12:13)
- * 7. What lessons are there in seeing the church as a human body? (12:14-17)
8. Who arranged the parts of the body of Christ? (12:18)
9. Why shouldn't all Christians perform the same function? (12:19)
10. Why should members of the body of Christ not say to each other, "I don't need you"? (12:21-22)
- * 11. Why should the less honorable parts be treated with special attention? (12:23)
12. How has God combined the members of the body of Christ? (12:24-26)
13. Who is part of the body of Christ? (12:27)
14. What functions are necessary in the body? (12:28-29)
- * 15. Who appoints members of the body to their positions? Why is this significant? (12:28-29)
16. What are the greater gifts? (12:31)

Get It

17. How might you compare your place in the body of Christ to a part of the human body?
18. How well do you interact with other members in the body of Christ?
19. When have you felt like an important or insignificant part of the body?
20. What part do you serve in the body of Christ?
- * 21. How are you able to help other Christians?
22. What has God appointed you to be in the body of Christ?
23. Why do people often assume that certain duties in the church are more important?
24. How can you honor the contributions of others in your church?
- * 25. How can you treat the "weaker" members of your fellowship as indispensable?
26. What can you do to suffer with those in the church who suffer and rejoice with those who are honored?
27. What should we do when there is division among Christians in a local church?
28. What do you think are your personal responsibilities in the body of Christ?
29. What difference should it make in your life that you have been given the Holy Spirit?
30. How can you show a desire for the greater gifts?

Apply It

- * 31. What is one way you can show concern and love for another member of your church?
32. What would be the best way to use your unique abilities in the body of Christ this year?