



Come in Third (Part 5): The Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

OPEN

When have you been part of something (team, cause, group...) bigger than yourself? Share your experience of: your bond with others, how you viewed yourself in relation to others, and/or the sense of belonging or identity you felt.

DISCUSS

We conclude the series on the Holy Spirit by exploring how the Spirit moves through the body of Christ (the church).

Read the 1 Cor 12:12-30. List what you learn about the Spirit.

Why is 1 Cor 12:27 such an important verse for the church? For you?

Why is the imagery of a physical body a good analogy for the Spirit and the church? What is Christ's role in the body? Our role?

- If we are one body, what does this mean for issues of unity and relationships to other local churches? To relationships within our own local church? Can there be unity without diversity? Explain.

There are two dangers when one thinks of their role in the body of Christ:

- Insignificance (thinking my gifts are not good enough to impact anything or anyone).
- Oversignificance (through pride we begin seeing ourselves as better or more significant than others).

Which of these do you see most often in the church? In yourself?

Summary Notes

The UNITY of the Body of Christ means that you are...

1. Part of a community led by the ultimate Head
2. Part of a fellowship formed by the washing and infilling of the Holy Spirit

The DIVERSITY of the Body of Christ means that you are...

3. Desperately needed by the Body because of your particular spiritual gifts
4. Deeply dependent upon and appreciative of others in the Body

For Reflection

What have you learned about the Spirit through this sermon series and small group studies?

What questions do you still have about the Holy Spirit?

Note: This is our last sermon study for the summer. If your group will continue to meet, you may create your own study discussion based on the sermons, explore resources in our Small Groups section at the Christ Church bookstore, or study a resource of your own choosing. If you need help, do not hesitate to contact Eric Camfield or Randi Lundgren.