

## **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

<sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

## **Jun 10, 2018: Remembering Who We Are**

### **Human Being or Human Doing?**

*When someone asks you “what do you do,” how do you respond? What does it mean to be asked that? How does it make you feel?*

*Have you ever felt that a relationship you had was completely based on a role, function, or usefulness to another person?*

*Can you think of a time when you had a role that came to an end (parenting, work, volunteer, etc.)? What happened to the relationships connected to it?*

### **A Body of Many Parts**

*12-13 – Think of the various backgrounds that believers in Christ can have. What does it mean that they are parts of His Body?*

*14-20 – Why is diversity in the Body a good thing? Why is every unique part important?*

*Have you ever felt pressure to conform to be like a certain person, rather than Christ?*

*21-26 – Why is unity so essential? Why might some parts prefer to be on their own? What are they missing?*

### **Designed to do Christ’s Work**

*What problems and frustrations come from a Church needing to be united, but diverse?*

*Why would God design the Church that way? What work did Christ accomplish, that the Church is called to continue? (1 John 3:16, 4:9-11, John 13:34-35, 17:20-23)*

### **Being the Body**

*Think of the unique parts of our church – what are you thankful for, that others have done?*

*What unique abilities, experiences, and passions has God given you? Do you see a need in the church that you can address?*