



Week 4

Sermon Series: Blueprints for Discipleship

Sermon Title: The Body of Christ

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

Group Week of: January 29, 2023

Sermon Date: February 5, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	The Body of Christ – Romans 12:3-8
Day 2	The Temple of God – 1 Peter 2:1-11
Day 3	The Baptism of the Spirit – Acts 1:1-5
Day 4	The Baptism of the Spirit – Acts 2:1-13
Day 5	The Baptism of the Spirit – Acts 11:1-18

The Text

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message that God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What comparisons are drawn between the Church and the body of Christ?
- 3) Who decides what each person will be in the body of Christ?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Paul first uses the analogy of a body to talk about unity coming from a variety of parts. In your experience, answer the following questions:
 - i. Where have you seen the body of Christ fractured by its many parts?

 - ii. Where have you seen the body of Christ in unity despite its many parts?

- 2) Paul uses the term, “baptized into one Spirit” to talk about how many different people come together into one body. What is baptism in the Spirit (you may need to review some of the other passages listed in the daily readings)?

- 3) Sometimes we need to be reminded of spiritual truths because we get used to viewing the body from a worldly perspective. How does being reminded that your brothers and sisters (and yourself) have been baptized into one Spirit impact your perspective on the unity of the church?

- 4) Are there any ways that you are accidentally (or even on purpose) attacking the unity of the church? If so, what changes should you make in the way you go about interacting with the body?

- 5) If we take a part of the body away from its intended purpose, all sorts of bad things can happen. When people aren't serving as the part of the body God has made them to be, what happens to the way they view themselves, their purpose, and their strengths and weaknesses?

- 6) We often seek to be a part of the body that we think is honorable, rather than discovering the part of the body God has made us to be. Why does this happen? How can we fight this tendency in ourselves?

- 7) What advice would you give someone who is trying to find out what part of the body they are supposed to be? How do spiritual gifting and discovering your place in the body relate to each other?

- 8) Commit to finding your (or helping someone else to find their) place in the body this week.