

GREATER TOGETHER



Session 1: One for Another

I Corinthians 12:12-18, 27

In Paul's discussion of the body, he reminded us that the body is not only made up of many different people, but that our relationship with one another determines the effectiveness of the body of Christ. In this series, we will explore what it means to be the unified church.

1. Why is it sometimes hard to admit we need other people in life?
2. What should a “threefold cord” look like in the church?
3. What do you think your role is in the body of Christ and how can you best help others?

We are the body of Christ, and we are called to work together with one another. Paul explained that each of us is placed into the body of Christ for a purpose. As we commit to fulfilling our role in the church and caring for one another, God can use us as co-laborers with Him to fulfill His mission.

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Session 2: It's God's Church

1 Corinthians 12:27

No matter where we are in our service to the church, we must always remember that it is God's church. We work together with God and with others to accomplish His will.

Discussion Questions:

1. How should the understanding that God's mission is the church's mission impact our unity?
2. Scripture tells us that some sow and some water but God gives the increase. How does that affect how you serve the church and how you prioritize prayer?
3. What memorials and habits should we set in place to remind us of the overarching mission that God has for His church?

God's hand in the mission of the church guarantees its ultimate success and provides the glue that holds the many diverse parts and functions of ministry within His body together. There can be no rogue agendas or division when the saints of the church submit to God's big plan for His church.

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Session 3: Unity in the Body

Key Scriptures:

I Corinthians 12:12-18

Opening Remarks:

Unity is a paramount trait for the church. If we are to live out the mission of God to our world, we must reflect the amazing diversity of the body of Christ. Learning how to complement each other's missions efforts will enable us to achieve the great things that God has set before His church.

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Discussion Questions

1. How can our own insecurities fuel disunity, and how do we overcome that?
2. In times of stress or tension, how can we work to have patience and love for other members in the body?
3. Share a testimony of a time the church helped you.

Closing Remarks:

As the Bible says, unity is like the dew that sustains the land. We need a daily reminder that our paths are interconnected and that we are dependent on one another. When one member in the body succeeds, we all do. Through the body, grief is divided, and joy is multiplied. From every city, every country, and every demographic the church collides to make something transcendent. More than the sum of our parts, we are truly greater together.

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Session 4: We Over Me

Colossians 3:12-15

Loving others is one of the most difficult challenges of Scripture, and yet Jesus said it would be the mark of His disciples. Maturing in Christ requires us to choose love and to prefer our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

1. Since giving up our own preferences and yielding to others doesn't come naturally to any of us, how can we practice submission and service?
2. How does a spirit of selflessness help us fulfil God's mission for His church?
3. What is one thing you can do this week to show someone else in the body of Christ that you value them and care about their needs more than your own?

To our world it may sound contradictory that joy and fulfillment come through selflessness and service. Yet these intentional choices align us with the character of Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us. Following His example in selflessness brings us into communion with Him and one another that we may be greater together.

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