

If We Are the Body
1 Corinthians 12:14-31

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I. One Body. 1 Corinthians 12:14

“The most important characteristic of the Body is unity; but _____ is essential to that unity.” (MacArthur)

- We have a common root and a common goal, and we should be able to come _____ for said common goal.

II. Different Functions Are Necessary. 1 Corinthians 12:15-19

“No member should compare or contrast itself with any other _____, because each one is different and each one is important.” (Wiersbe)

- The attitude the Corinthian church had was envy. They were jealous of the gifts that were more prominent and in the limelight.
- We should not be envious of the gifts we don’t have, but rather encourage each other to serve in the various ways that we have been gifted, because the Giver of those gifts gave them to us on _____.

III. Members of the Body Promote Unity. 1 Corinthians 12:20-26

- “No eye in the church has the right to say to a hand, “I have no need of you,” or again the head to the feet, “I have no _____ of you.” (MacArthur)
- We cannot look down on the ways others are serving as “just” anything. Every member serving is _____ and _____ in the church.

1 Corinthians 12:25 *“that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.”*

IV. God Designed the Diversity of Gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:27-30

- It is God that _____ spiritual gifts, and it is God that designed us to use them in unity. **1 Corinthians 12:11**

V. Practical Application.

- If each member does their job, they do everything for the glory of God; and if they do all of this with the greatest gift, which is love, then the church can see _____ in reaching this lost world for Christ.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. *How can Unity and Diversity be seen in the church in the context of serving and using your spiritual gifts?*
2. *Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-19. What different functions do we see in the local church? How are you currently serving or using your gifts at Living Faith? Describe the experience of serving the Lord and using your gifts.*
3. *Why is it so easy to get caught up in comparing gifts in the church? Discuss point II of the sermon note sheet.*
4. *Read 1 Corinthians 12:20-26. Discuss point III of the sermon note sheet. What are the two perspectives discussed in the sermon as we look at our gifts and the gifts of others around us?*
5. *Understanding that it is God who distributes spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:11), what are the spiritual gifts that you have been given? How did you discover those? How are you using them currently?*
6. *Discuss the practical applications of the sermon.*

