

CHURCH AS HIS BODY

1 Corinthians 12.12-25 // April 14, 2024

THE "BODY" OF CHRIST?

In our day and age, our society values self-strength, reliance, and a "you got this!" mentality. But we do not "got this," and we aren't designed to "got this." Apart from Christ, we can do nothing! But when Christ ascended to heaven, He was gone, so now how can we tangibly be helped by Christ? He has given us His Spirit, and now we are collectively His body: His hands and feet to help one another.

Hebrews 1.3 // Colossians 2.9, 10

However, since none of us *are* the total Christ, but only individual members of His body, we need the ministry of the *rest of the body* in order to be cared for, guided, loved, and sanctified through the diversity of relationships and gifts each member of the body has to offer the rest of the body.

NOT TOO LITTLE, NOT TOO MUCH

1. Just because *you* think you don't fit or belong, that does *not* make it true.

1 Corinthians 12.14-20 /// Isaiah 45.9 // Philippians 2.13

**Although the threads of my life have often seemed knotted,
I know, by faith, that on the other side
of the embroidery there is a crown.**

-Corrie Ten Boom

2. Just because *you* think you're fine without the body, that does *not* make it true.

1 Corinthians 12.14-20

GOD'S GLORIOUS DESIGN

1 Corinthians 12.17-20 // Romans 12.3-8 // Hebrews 10.24, 25

Noses don't understand hands, but they appreciate them when the nose has an itch. Likewise, we are all so different, it is hard for us to understand each other, and it is easy for us to be jealous of each other's gifts and place in life. However, in due time, we find that we do, in fact, need the whole ministry of the whole body. Without Christ bodily here, we need His Spirit working through us, His body, to rightly care for and minister to us.

NOTES:

Announcements:

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 99: 1-5

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 99:1-5

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **1 Corinthians 12.12-25**. What stands out in here and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

We looked last week at **Hebrews 2.10, 11** and the fact that Christ is not ashamed to call us His brothers. Now we also see that we are even His very own body! How does this change your own view of yourself, as well as your view of others? And, how does it change or deepen your view of how Christ sees us, His church?

Your Life Mission

God has arranged us together to be members of one body, and He has done it in His wisdom. Which of Paul's insights in the text do you relate to the most? Do you feel insecure and inferior when it comes to God using you? Or do you tend to look down on others or think too highly of yourself? Both perspectives need adjusting if we want to be able to fully enjoy God's wisdom and design for us as one body. How do you need prayers for adjustment so that you can grow into becoming a more healthy, functioning member of the body of Christ?

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

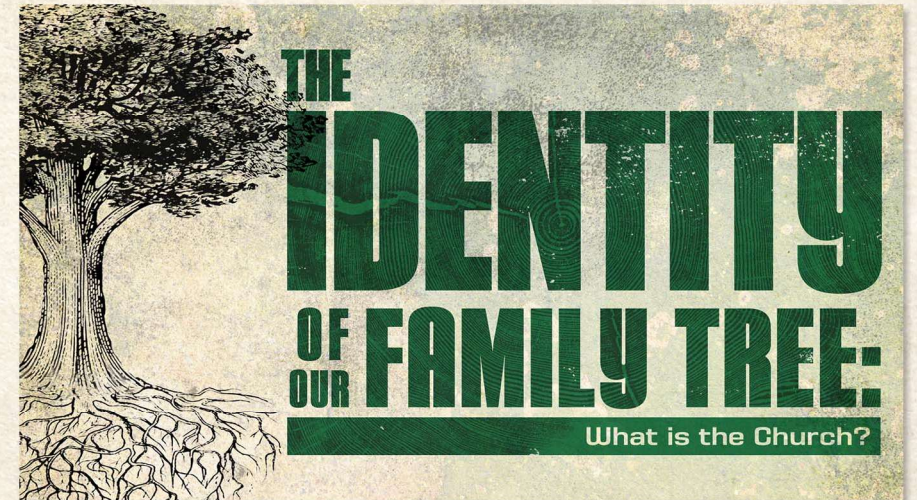
Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.
Help _____ to forgive _____,
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that _____ may not sin against You.
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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