

Better Together

Reflect

1. If you were working on a puzzle and missing one piece, what would you do?

2. When working with others on a task or project, what helps you complete it together?

Read Your Bible

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- John 15:9-17

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Why is it important that there are many parts of Christ's body, His church?

2. If you look at the church today, what would others say is the most important part of the body of Christ? What would you say?

3. What is the most important part of Christ's body according to this passage?

4. What makes unity difficult among the church?

5. What unifies all parts of Christ's body?

6. Read John 15:9-17. What does Jesus say will unite His church?

7. How might you better contribute to the unity of Christ's body, which you belong to?

Conclusion

In God's wisdom and love we are each gifted by the Spirit and placed in Christ's body purposefully and mindfully. No gift is greater than another and no person more or less important than another under Christ's leadership. Yet each person contributing to Christ's body in the way Christ intends is crucial for God's Gospel mission and vision. Each of us have something to offer and a gift to use to join with God in His kingdom work! The next time you are invited to give of yourself for Jesus' sake, don't count yourself out based on who others say you are. Instead, trust in who God says you are and for Him to work in and through you. Then do your best to fulfill Jesus' command, "love one another as I have loved you."

Pray

Jesus, You are the head of Your church; Your Spirit calling and gifting each of Your children. Thank You for gifting us differently so that we may work together for Your glory. Help us to never forget that we need one another and as Your children, we are better when we work together. Hold us together in our faith and love toward You, toward each other and the world. In Your name we pray. Amen.