



Going Deeper Questions  
Body of Christ  
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**Sermon Scripture Passage**

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

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**Fun icebreaker question**

If you were a body part, what body part would you be and why?

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**Discipleship Cycle: Debrief & Interpret**

What did you experience this Holy Week? Were there any services or experiences that were particularly meaningful to you this year as we remembered the passion story and celebrated the resurrection?

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**Quick Review: What stood out to you from this week's passage?**

Looking back at your notes from this week's passage and sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

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**My Story**

- 1) Our passage this week carried a metaphor that would have been familiar to the early church. What parts of the body were considered honorable back then? What parts were considered shameful? How do we see those examples showing up throughout scripture?
  - 2) What does it mean to you to be part of the "body of Christ"? How have you
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experienced the joy of being a part of the body?

3) How have you experienced some challenges as part of the body of Christ?

4) Read 1 Cor. 12:26. What does this passage mean for you? How have you seen this work?

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### **Dive Deeper**

1) How have you seen the Church (or churches you have been a part of) emphasize some gifts over others? What is the danger when we do that - for the church community? For those whose gifts are being celebrated?

2) Why is it important for the whole body of Christ to participate in the work of the church instead of just a few?

3) Read 1 Cor. 12:15. How do we tend to disqualify ourselves? What holds us back from participating in the full life of the church? Where does this show up in your own life?

4) Who do we tend to overlook in the church? How can we learn to see and celebrate the contributions of everyone in the church equally, including our own?

5) How can a person's brokenness or pain be used for the good of the church? What are some ways you've witnessed this happen in your life? In the community?

6) Pastor Brynn talked about the importance of both community gifts and community contributions. What is the difference? Why do they both matter?

7) What's your invitation next? If someone in your group is unsure of how they can participate in the life of the church, perhaps as a group you could take some time to help them see their own gifting.

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### **Discipleship Cycle: Respond Actively**

Find someone in the church or community this week to affirm and celebrate - particularly someone who is doing something that often goes unnoticed.

Thank God for the ways God has made them and let them know you're grateful for who they are!

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**A special question for couples and families**

Like adults, kids tend to celebrate certain kinds of gifting over others. How can we help cultivate openness in our kids to seeing and celebrating a variety of gifts in the church or community? How can we help cultivate and celebrate their own giftedness?

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