



“Re:Thinking Church”

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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

1. The Church is the _____ people of _____

All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.
- 1 Corinthians 12:27

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

We are all _____

The _____ of God _____ us

“*melos*” - a member or limb (of the body) - part of the whole

“*koinonia.*” - to hold something in common, fellowship

2. Every _____ is _____

But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of. An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn’t be a body, but a monster. What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. - 1 Corinthians 12:19-20 (MSG)

Do you recognize your _____?

We struggle with this more because of what is _____ us,
than how people _____ us.

3. Every member is _____ on the other.

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don’t, the parts we see and the parts we don’t. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. - 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

You are not created to be _____ from God’s people

Because we _____ the _____ foundation,
our lives cannot be _____ from one another

(Unified, God, Different, Work, Unites, Member, Significant, Significance, Inside, Treat, Dependent, Separated, Share, Deepest, Disconnected)

Memory verse: *All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.* - 1 Corinthians 12:27

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 12:27
- How are you separated from others? Why?
- What keeps you from knowing your significance?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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- Philippians 1:12-14 ”**