

Care for One Another: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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Key Truth: In the Body of Christ, members care for one another and use their gifts to honor one another.

In the Body of Christ, those we think are the least significant, the ones we rarely think about, God honors. Paul teaches the Corinthians in verse 21 of this chapter: “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.” (1 Corinthians 12:21-22 ESV). Instead of diminishing the value of those “weaker parts,” Paul reminds us that they possess greater honor.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 12:21-31** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**Care for One Another.**”

DIG IN

How do we show care for one another?

1. We honor the “weaker parts.” (vv. 21-26)

Describe a scenario in which one member of the body might say to another member, “I have no need of you.” (v. 21). What might that look like in the 21st century church?

Why do you think the “weaker parts” of the body are indispensable? (v. 22)?

Read vv. 24-25: Restate in your own words what Paul describes in these verses. What is the reason Paul gives for God composing the body the way he did?

Read v. 26: Give a contemporary example of suffering with the body. What about rejoicing with the body? Why is this important for the life of the church?

2. We desire the “higher gifts.” (vv. 27-31)

Describe the various gifts that Paul lists in verse 28. In what ways are these gifts apparent at FBC?

In what way are “apostles and prophets” with us today? Why is this an important truth to remember?

Read v. 31: Based on what you just read in chapter 12, which gifts would Paul consider the “higher” or “greater” gifts?

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In what ways will you put what you’ve learned into practice this week?