

BODY LANGUAGE



We Are Unified

The influence of a culture that is constantly becoming more consumeristic is to apply an individualistic approach to church. In this Lenten series we address the pervasiveness of individuality in the church. This is an opportunity to join the movement of church in unity with each other and with the Spirit.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Circle Time: Have you ever tried to do something you felt like you should be able to do but for whatever reason just couldn't or can't do it?
 - What made you believe that you should be able to do it?
 - Why couldn't you do it?
 - How did it make you feel that you couldn't do it? Embarrassed? Determined? How did this emotion affect your next actions?
 - Where ever able to get to the point where you could do it? If so, What changed that created that ability in you?
- Read Ephesians 4:1-13
 - Paul is not giving us a comprehensive list of spiritual gifts in this passage, rather he is trying to illustrate how the gifts work together in unity in the body of Christ. Concerning these gifts that are given to us... does exercising our gift come naturally to us or are they something we have to work on? Explain your answer.
 - Pastor Harry explained that this passage teaches us that the body of Christ should be unified, but not uniform... What do you think he means by that?
 - Does being diverse in our gifts create unity or does it challenge our ability to be unified? Explain your answer.
 - Our diversity of gifts is intended to serve Christ and his purposes in the gospel. No one person has all the gifts required for the body to maintain its unity. Why do you think it is important to humanity that the gifts were apportioned?
- What do you think your spiritual gifts are?
 - Share about a time you used your gifts for the kingdom. What was the result? What did you feel before and after you used your gift? Did you become more able in your gift after putting it to practice?
- Give out instructions for the spiritual gifts survey that Pastor Nick emailed you. Explain to group members that they should bring their results next week.