

This Week

Churchwide
Worship Services Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Bible Fellowships Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Small Groups
Women’s Community Group Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in the Loft
Adult Studies
The Book of Matthew Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Dining Room
The Book of Acts Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room
Quest Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Conference Room
Men
Samson Society Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library
Women
Engage Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
Respectfully Yours Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
Breath Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208
MOMs Book Study Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208

College & Career
Late Night Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.
Senior High
Senior High Youth Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.
Junior High
Junior High Youth Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.
5th & 6th Grade
Breakaway Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft
Children
Mother + Son Night Sunday, 5:30–7:00 PM in the G.Y.M.
Kids Quest Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Children’s Area
Senior Adults
Tuesday Afternoon Study Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in Room 111

This Morning

Lesson 22: The Unified Diversity of the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*
Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. **The creation of unified diversity:** The human body is analogous to the Body of Christ whose unified diversity is created by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit—*1 Corinthians 12:12–13*.
- A. The human body illustrates the principle of unity—*1 Corinthians 12:12a*.

B. The principle of unity in the human body is replicated in the Body of Jesus Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:12b*.

C. Unity in the Body of Christ is created by the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit—*1 Corinthians 12:13*.
- II. **The honor in unified diversity:** The human body illustrates the importance of each member in the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:14–19*.
- A. The unity of the human body is composed of many individual members—*1 Corinthians 12:14*.

B. Each member is a vital part of the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:15–18*.

1. Diversity in giftedness is not a difference in value—*1 Corinthians 12:15–16*.

2. Diversity in giftedness is necessary for the functioning of the Body—*1 Corinthians 12:17*.

3. Diversity in giftedness is a sovereign decision by God—*1 Corinthians 12:18*.

C. The absence of diversity invalidates true unity, which is dependent upon it—*1 Corinthians 12:19*.
- III. **The care of unified diversity:** The unified diversity of the human body illustrates the importance of honor and care within the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:20–26*.
- A. The unity of the Body of Christ is formed by her rich and varied diversity—*1 Corinthians 12:20*.

B. The unified diversity of the Body of Christ invalidates an autonomous attitude among its members—*1 Corinthians 12:21*.

C. The unified diversity of the Body of Christ provides dignity to each member—*1 Corinthians 12:22–24a*.

D. The unified diversity of the Body of Christ is intended to promote personal care and support among its members—*1 Corinthians 12:24b–26*.
- IV. **The development of unified diversity:** Giving priority to the equipping gifts will develop interdependence and love within the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:27–31a*.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

1. Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the Body of Christ in order to illustrate the importance of unified diversity. Think about your own relationships—perhaps a friend group or even your marriage. In what ways are you thankful to be around someone who is designed and gifted much differently from you? In what ways have you seen those differences work toward the greater good in a given situation?
2. Paul describes the dangers of one part of the body treating another as less valuable. How have you ever found yourself looking down on someone because they are gifted or wired differently than you?
3. What are some of the challenges we face in relationships when we are around people who are different from us? How do we struggle in the context of diversity? What feelings or emotions are stirred when we find ourselves surrounded by people who are different from us?
4. Paul also highlights the need for diversity in order for there to be unity. What are the dangers of surrounding ourselves with people who are exactly like us?
5. In what ways can diversity make relating to and working with others easier?
6. Where do you struggle to embrace diversity within the Church? What opportunities do you see to help promote and embrace unity in the Body of Christ?