

talk it *over*

committed- week two

Key Scripture

1 Corinthians 12.12-27

Key Points

1. People will come to this church, and to Christ, because we SERVE them and this community.

Takeaway

What would the church look like if every single member started running to the battle lines to do the most insignificant thing for the most significant cause?

GROW-

Matthew 6.1-4 // Ephesians 4

LIVE-

Just as the body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Perhaps one of the simplest analogies, and yet most difficult passages for us to grasp, is Paul discussing the importance of the Body of Christ to function as a single unit with many parts. What's interesting is if the Church is to function as a body, then most of the work in and of the church will go unseen. And that is a difficult thing to swallow when we live in a culture that is constantly screaming for us to carry an attitude that says, LOOK AT ME! Still the most important functions of the body are not seen. Have you ever witnessed the neurons in your brain firing? Have you ever seen your own heart beating? Have you ever watched your lungs fill with air, filter oxygen into trillions of cells, then exhale the carbon-dioxide? These functions go unseen, and yet they are vital to the health and performance of the body. And what's fascinating is they do their job without any accolades or acclaim. I mean, did you wake up and thank your heart for beating all night? Did you give your forehead a high-five and thank your brain for functioning without you managing it? Did you chest-bump your lungs and scream about how good they were to keep the oxygen coming in? No. We don't because that would be crazy, and because we see the work of the individual parts going towards a cause greater than themselves. The individual's purpose is not to serve itself. The individual's purpose is to point towards a higher purpose and assist the other parts in accomplishing and making that purpose known. So too is the work of the Church.

LOOK-

How do you look at your role, and the roles of others in the church?

Do you see and treat the person working in the parking lot the same as the person on the platform?

Are you bitter or angry when you don't get the attention or applause you think you deserve?

LOVE-

Jesus sees you. He created you in His image to bring glory and fame to His Name. And He didn't just create you as a random assortment, He created you with a specific purpose in mind.