

Sermon Series: I'm In
Sermon: I'm Invaluable
Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-16

When you think of church, what comes to mind?

A place?

A gathering where I am fed, nurtured, and inspired?

A gathering of people of similar political ideals? Of similar ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds?

Church is not a building but a people. Not just a group where we come to be fed, but also where we serve. Not a group where we all think and look alike, but where there is great diversity, but we all follow the same Lord and Leader, Jesus.

I Corinthians 12:27

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

So when we think of the church, Paul wants us to think of it as a body.

We are all an invaluable part of Jesus' body.

I am invaluable because Jesus wants me to be part of his body...

I Corinthians 12:12-13

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free...

I am invaluable because I am One with Jesus.

I Corinthians 12:13-14

13 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. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Everyone is invaluable, not just me, because we are one.

I am invaluable because Jesus needs me.

I Corinthians 12:15-16

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

Let's stop just going to church and let's start being the church!