

IS BIGGER BETTER?
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12, 15-20 / 3-24-19 / AM

I. WHAT CAN MEGACHURCHES POSSIBLY LEARN FROM SMALL CHURCHES?

- A. First, everyone matters.
- B. Second, friends are more important than friendliness.
- C. Third, the people need to make connection with small groups.
- D. Spiritual maturity matters more than large numbers.

II. WHAT CAN SMALL CHURCHES POSSIBLY LEARN FROM MEAGCHURCHES?

- A. First, excellence matters.
- B. Enthusiasm matters.
- C. Participation matters.

III. SMALL CHURCHES MAY NOT BE BETTER THAN MEGACHURCHES BUT THERE ARE A FEW ADVANTAGES THEY MAY ENJOY.

- A. Parking spaces with no need for a golf cart.
- B. No auditions to sing in the choir or solo's.
- C. The best seating in the house.
- D. You're worshipping with people in your community.
- E. Food, food, and more food!

- A. Sometimes smaller churches or churches who may be experiencing dwindling numbers feel forgotten by God and certainly less important. I ran across a quote from a Puritan pastor named Richard Sibbes who addresses churches feeling weak and less significant....

“As a mother is tenderest to the weakest child, so does Christ most mercifully incline to the weakest. Likewise, he puts an instinct into the weakest things to rely upon something stronger than themselves for support. The vine stays itself upon the elm, and the weakest creatures often have the strongest shelters. The consciousness of the church’s weakness makes her willing to lean on her beloved, and to hide herself under his wing.”

- B. Bigger isn’t better and neither is smaller better. We all are a part of the body of Christ and this is exactly where we should be.