

why church?

The Building of a New Community

Ice Breaker: What's the most favorite team have you ever been a part of and why?

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-27, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, Ephesians 4:11-16

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - Who or what had the biggest influence on your decision to attend church?
 - What's the difference between "going to church" and "being the church"?
- Loving Deeply (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
 - What does genuine concern for one another look like in a church family? How can we move beyond simply knowing people to truly loving and caring for them?
 - When have you personally experienced the love and support of the church?
 - What practical ways can our church honor members who may often feel unseen?
 - V.18 says God placed each member in the body as He desired. How does that truth impact the way you view your role in the church?
- Living Sacrificially (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 28-31)
 - What spiritual gifts have you seen God use in your life?
 - Which gifts do you most often notice and appreciate in others?
 - Why is it important that gifts come from the Holy Spirit and not simply from natural talents?
 - How can comparing our gifts to others hurt both ourselves and the church?
 - What might God be calling you to do with the gifts He has given you?
- Giving Generously (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)
 - What motivates generosity in the life of a Christian?
 - How does generosity reflect trust in God?
 - Besides finances, what are some other resources God calls us to give?
 - How does our giving help care for vulnerable people and advance God's mission?
 - What is one area where God may be challenging you to become more generous?
- Closing Thoughts (Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - According to this passage, what is the goal of spiritual maturity?
 - What would our church look like if every member fully embraced loving deeply, living spiritually, and giving generously?
 - What is one practical next step you can take in the next month to grow as a member of Christ's body?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

