

SERMON NOTES

A-PART 1: PART OF A BODY

I am made to be A PART of something bigger, but Satan wants us to be APART from each other.

Romans 12:3-13 (NASB)

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

4 For just as we have many **parts** in one **body** and all the body's parts do not have the same function,

5 So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.

6 However, since we have gifts that **differ** according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly: if **prophecy**, in proportion to one's faith; - *"to speak from or for God. for a verdict or change."*

7 If **service**, in the act of serving; - *"to serve"* or the one who **teaches**, in the act of teaching; - *"to explain and educate"*

8 Or the one who **exhorts**, in the work of exhortation; - *"to add courage, guidance, support, strength"* the one who **gives**, with generosity; - *"to contribute"* the one who is in **leadership**, with diligence; - *"to provide vision, inspire, organise and guide toward a goal"* the one who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness. - *"to empathise with and help the needy"*

9 Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good.

10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor,

11 Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

13 Contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

1 Corinthians 12:4-12 (NASB)

4 Now there are varieties of gifts (**CHARISMA**), but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries (**DIAKONIA**), and the same Lord.

6 There are varieties of effects (activities) (**ENERGEMA**), but the same God who works all things in all persons.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

8 For to one is given the word of **wisdom** through the Spirit, and to another the word of **knowledge** according to the same Spirit;

9 To another **faith** by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of **healing** by the one Spirit,

10 And to another the effecting of **miracles**, and to another **prophecy**, and to another the **distinguishing of spirits**, to another various kinds of **tongues**, and to another the **interpretation** of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

12 For just as the **body** is one and yet has many **parts**, and all the parts of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NASB)

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

2 With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

3 Being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one **body** and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high, he led captive the captives, and he gave gifts to people."

9 (Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

11 And He gave some as **apostles**, some as **prophets**, some as **evangelists**, some as **pastors** and **teachers**,

12 For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the **body** of Christ;

13 Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

15 But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ,

16 From whom the **whole body**, being **fitted** and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper **working** of each **individual part**, causes the growth of the **body** for the building up of itself in love.

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

10 For we are His workmanship (POEMA)(masterpiece, handiwork), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

POEMA: (5 Greek letters)

Passion - what gets you going, what do you feel strongly about, what needs to be changed?

Eph 4 - MINISTRIES / DIAKONIA

Opportunities - Where you are, opportunities you have, current needs, the church, contacts, relationships.

Experiences - What has happened in the past? God works all things.

Make-up - Motivational gifts Rom 12 - ENERGEMA / EFFECTS

Anointing / Spiritual Gifts - What has God done, and said and empowered you for?

1 Cor 12 - CHARISMA

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1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NASB)

12 For just as the body is one and yet has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one part, but many.

15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any less a part of the body.

16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any less a part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18. But now God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as He desired.

19. If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20 But now there are many parts, but one body.

21 And they cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again, the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

23 And those parts of the body which we consider less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor, and our less presentable parts become much more presentable,

24 Whereas our more presentable parts have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that part which lacked,

25 So that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same care for one another.

26 And if one part of the body suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if a part is honored, all the parts rejoice with it.

27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDES

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do **PRACTICALLY** in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray for you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry