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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01 Print the PDF.

-or-

02 Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03 Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of February 5th // Conversation February 11th
The Body of Christ

The human body is made up of many parts – hands, feet, eyes, a nose, etc. The body of Christ is also made up of many parts – all of which are necessary and helpful for the health, wellbeing, and function of the body of Christ.




Let's take a look at what Paul has to say about this topic in 1 Corinthians 12.

pray.

Psalm 59:16 says, “But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress.” Today, spend some time worshipping God according to this verse. Talk to God about His power and unfailing love.

observe.

Marking key words in passages of Scripture helps to draw your attention to the main ideas/themes. It causes you to slow down and absorb what you're reading.

- 01**  Circle every mention of the word body.
- 02**  Put a cross over every mention of Christ.
- 03**  Put a triangle over every mention of God.

2 Corinthians 12:12-21; 27-30 (NLT)

¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵ If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. ²⁸ Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

first are apostles,

second are prophets,

third are teachers,

then those who do miracles,

those who have the gift of healing,

those who can help others,

those who have the gift of leadership,

those who speak in unknown languages.

²⁹ Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? ³⁰ Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!

interpret.

01 What is the body of Christ compared to in this section? Why do you think Paul used this as an example?

02 Even though we're all different parts of the same body, what do we all share in common in v. 13?

03 What do you learn in verse 18 about how God has arranged the parts of the body of Christ? What does this tell you about your place in it?

apply.

01 Have you ever felt like you weren't a part of the body of Christ? Did you ever feel like you didn't fit in anywhere? What does 1 Cor 12 say about that? What is the truth?

02 If you're not sure what your role in the body of Christ is, pray about it! Ask God right now to reveal to you what your place is. Ask Him to show you how you can serve His body with the gifts He has given to you. Now remember, when He does show you (which He definitely will), it's up to you to act on that!

bring it together.

Our human body is made up of many different parts – all of which are necessary for the healthy function of the body as a whole. If a hand is missing, or an eye, the body definitely notices and detects that part is missing.

YOU are an integral part of the body of Christ. YOU are important! God notices when you are missing! He has placed you exactly the way He wants you to be in His body. Your gifts, talents, specialties, personality, and tendencies are God-given. He created you just the way you are for a reason. It's no mistake!

So pray about how you can serve the body of Christ at Gateway with the gifts and talents you've been given. Can you be on the prayer team? How about cooking breakfast for the worship team on Sunday? Or better yet, can you come early to service and greet people and hold a door open? There are plenty of ways for you to get connected here at Gateway. The Body needs you!

connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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