



Sermon Outline
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The Church Is a Body

1 Corinthians
12:12-25

* **Resets are necessary and _____.**

Two good reasons for the church to do a reset:

1. Covid _____.

From intentional isolation to social distancing, Covid has definitely discombobulated things.

2. Our _____ tendencies.

Somewhere along the way, many of us have bought into the lie that we need to evaluate a church by what we get out of it. That's not Christianity. That's consumerism.

* **A reset of the church requires a solid Biblical orientation: The Church belongs to _____ and serves His purposes.**

Matthew 16:18b - ... on this rock I will build my church...

Acts 20:28b - Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Ephesians 5:23b - ...Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

* **A basic Biblical analogy: The Church is like a _____.**

The body works best when _____ does its work.

Ephesians 4:16 - From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

* **An obvious truth: a healthy, fully functioning body requires many _____ parts.**

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

Vs. 20 - As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

* **Here's the rub: God gets to _____ the body the way He wants it to be.**

Vs. 18 - But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

* **The tendency is to feel _____ valued or _____ important. Insecure or pompous.**

Vs. 15 - Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body."

Vs. 21 - The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"

* **We need to be grateful for and value _____ part of the body.**

Vs. 25b - (the body's parts) should have equal concern for each other.

* **Impression without expression can lead to _____.**

If you are already serving somewhere, no matter how insignificant your service might seem, it is important.

If you are not serving, but could be, the effectiveness of this body will be diminished.

* **You were _____ to make a difference.**

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

God already has a list of good works prepared in advance for you to do! The question is - will you _____ them?