

What two principles of the church are outlined in verse 25?

How does the church keep from division and disunity in the body?

What do care, concern, and compassion have to do with each other, or in other words, how are these concepts the same or different?

In what situations should care be demonstrated for other members of the body?

In what ways are the members of the body of Christ connected to each other, at least ideally?

What is God leading you to do to care for those around you in our church?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

“The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.” John 17:22-23

APPLICATION

What is one way you can show care, concern, and love for another member of our church family? Who has God brought to mind to demonstrate that care? When will you demonstrate that care?

MEMORY VERSE

“But now there are many members, but one body...²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.” 1 Corinthians 12:20, 26

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series: *Koinonia*
Love Lived in Community

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Koinonia Care

1 Corinthians 12:20-26

1. Intro - The Praying Pumas

2. One body

3. Caring for each other

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Community Life Group Sermon-Based Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a Community Life Group, Bible study, or Missional Community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth, including how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

What is the most significant, irreplaceable part of the human body?

INTRODUCTION to *Koinonia*: Love Lived in Community

“Again and again, New Testament writers exhorted believers to engage in specific activities that would enable the body of Christ to function effectively and to grow spiritually. Frequently they used a unique word to describe this mutual and reciprocal process — the Greek word *allelon*, most frequently translated *one another*. In fact, excluding the Gospels, the word is used 58 times in the New Testament. The Apostle Paul used the word 40 times.

“When all the *one another* exhortations are studied carefully, and grouped together according to specific meanings, they can be reduced to approximately 12 actions Christians are to take toward *one another* to help build up the body of Christ.” (Gene Getz, 1976)

This sermon series is built around these powerful exhortations, providing not only an understanding of what these injunctions mean, but also, practical steps of personal and corporate application of putting these exhortations into action at Century Baptist Church.

READ 1 Corinthians 12:20-26

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have you even been a part of a group where people didn't seem to care about each other, or anything for that matter?

What were some of the issues that Paul had already addressed with the Corinthians in the beginning of this letter? (i.e. 1:10-13; 5:1-2; 6:1-7; and 11:20-22)?

What larger issue is the Apostle Paul addressing before and after today's passage? (12:1 – 14:25)

What principle of the church does Paul outline in verse 20?

Where have you seen this principle in action in the church (there are many members with differences that make up the one body)?

Why should members of the body of Christ not say to each other, “I don't need you”?

Why should the less honorable parts of the body be treated with *greater honor*?

How has God brought together the various members to form one body?

List some of the different gifting or roles in the body of believers. What does Paul say about their importance to the body?

What would happen if a segment or type of gifting was removed from the church?

What does this say about the attitude we should have towards other Christians, even those who have very different gifting than we do?