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[Ephesians 4:4-6]



Youth Ministry
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Lesson:

We reviewed last week's lesson about "one body", reviewing Ephesians 4:4-6 and discussed 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 which tied to this week's topic of "one spirit".

We talked about how the one spirit fills each of us with our own individual gifts to be used to work together as the one body toward God's purpose and how when we become disconnected it makes everything more difficult.

We then compared being disconnected from the body to being on a football team with one of the members not doing their job or doing somebody else's job instead of the one they were trained for. It makes it more difficult for everyone to achieve the team's purpose of scoring a touchdown. If we decide not to show up and we become disconnected, we have now changed the whole dynamics of the group because now our gift is missing.

We then discussed some things that can cause us to become disconnected from the church.

1-We can get into the habit of not going.

2-We try to be something we're not gifted to be.

3-Pride-As we develop in our faith and take on leadership positions our hearts can become prideful and we can forget why we are there which is to strengthen our relationship with God and serve him.

4-Emotions-How we feel or how we allow others to make us feel like angry, annoyed, frustrated, lonely, not welcomed, etc.

5-Our thoughts about ourselves and others. Our perception of what is going on.

We finished with Philippians 1:27 which talks about conducting ourselves differently than the world. Standing together, encouraging each other outside of church. Being a light that is connected to all the other parts of the body to create the brightest light of all that allows others to see Jesus through us and glorify God by our light.

Bible Verse: Philippians 1:27

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:4

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Bible Verse: Ephesians 4:4-6

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Bible Verse: Acts 2:1-4

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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