

SERMON NOTES

Date: September 30, 2018

Series: Messy Church – Messy Worship

Title: Unity and Diversity in the Spirit

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Big Idea: In the Spirit, the many are made one and the one serve the many.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

In what ways are the people of Christ's church like parts of the human body? _____

What unifies Christians in one body and how is this different than the unity we may observe in other kinds of groups and communities? (v. 13) _____

Who arranges the parts of the body and why is this significant? (v. 18) _____

What is true about the value of weaker parts of the body? (. 21) _____

What is the whole body able to accomplish together that one part can't accomplish on its own? (v. 25) _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How might you compare your place in the body of Christ to a part of the human body? _____

Ask someone else for their feedback on how they see you functioning as part of the body of Christ and how they think you need to grow. _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

How might you make yourself more or less prominent in the body than God has designed? How might these attitudes, this negatively affect the body as a whole? _____

What might make certain parts of the body feel weaker, less honorable, or unpresentable? Have you ever felt like one of these parts? _____

How can you honor the contributions of others in our church, and especially treat the weaker members as indispensable? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Be on the lookout for those with whom you can "suffer" and "rejoice." Take active steps toward them to show mutual care and concern for them as part of the body.