

THE CHURCH IS DEPENDENT

BIG TRUTH: THE CHURCH IS DEPENDENT

Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 13:3; 1 Peter 3:8

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

BIG IDEAS

- We are members of one body, serving the God who is three in one.
- God the Spirit uniquely gifts every believer.
- Our gifts exist for the building up of one another and God’s glory.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-27

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- The church is a family.
- The church is given by God.
- The church exists for God.



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the unique ways God has gifted them and their church.
- Appreciation for the elders and leaders that God has gifted their church.



Every student should strive to...

- Prioritize gathering to worship each week with their church family.
- Learn more about membership in their local church.
- Do something to intentionally serve someone in their church family each week



Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursue holiness with their church family.
- To have their lives be marked by love for the church.
- To live in a way that is sacrificial and generous for the good of others and the glory of God

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what spiritual gifts are. We will pray with them to use their gifts for God’s glory and we will lead them to practice using their gifts in the church.

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Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 12:1-27 this week.

As you meditate on these verses use these questions as a guide to direct your thoughts:

- How can you model using your spiritual gifts within the church for the glory of God? How can you discuss with your son or daughter the purpose of spiritual gifts? How can you explain the difference between talents and abilities we are born with and spiritual gifts?

Consider ways to help your son or daughter identify their spiritual gifts and ways to use them in the church.



Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you model using spiritual gifts for God's glory.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray with them, model asking the Holy Spirit to help you use every opportunity to use your spiritual gifts for His glory.



Discuss with your son or daughter some of his or her talents and abilities.

- Next, help them create a list of what they think their spiritual gifts are. Help them identify ways to use their spiritual gifts within your church.
- Discuss with your student opportunities that he or she has to glorify God within the church. Help them choose a few ways to practice this week.