

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

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what our spiritual gifts are. We will pray for opportunities to use them and we will seek to practice using our gifts within the church for the glory of God.

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

As you read these verses ask yourself a few of these questions:

- What are spiritual gifts? How can you use your spiritual gifts for the glory of God?
- What are some wrong thoughts or views you've had about spiritual gifts?
- How are spiritual gifts different from talents and abilities? What are some ways you can build up the church by using your spiritual gifts?

Ponder the believer's purpose in the local church. What are some ways you can make God famous through your local church?

**Pray for opportunities to use your spiritual gifts within your local church this week.**

- Pray with your parents this week. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify your spiritual gifts and to understand ways you can use them for God's glory.

**Make a list of some of your natural talents and abilities.**

- Next, do a word search in Scripture looking up all the verses that discuss spiritual gifts. Write down some of the spiritual gifts you think you have.
- Discuss with your small group leader the list of spiritual gifts you made and discuss ways you can use these gifts within the church.
- Discuss with your parents the differences between your talents and abilities and spiritual gifts. Make a list of some ways you can use both for the glory of God.