

Session 24:

Christ's Body in the World



Main Point: The body of Christ is God's people *belonging* to each other, *needing each other*, *serving* each other, and *influencing* the world.

Use pages 147-149 in your Journal to answer the following questions:

1. In Ephesians 4-5, what does Paul address that is super important? (P2 p. 147)
2. Before we can change the world around us, what has to happen to us?(P1 p.148)
3. The Ephesians' actions didn't always match their words. They preached _____, but they did not always show it to _____. (P3 p. 148)
4. Paul reminded the Ephesians that salvation is a _____ and is evident in the way we _____ our lives. (P2 p.148)
5. What does Paul call the Ephesians (and us) in Ephesians 2:10? We are God's_____.
6. How does Paul describe the church? (P2 p. 149)
7. What does God give each Christian? (P2 p. 149) _____ What are these to be used for?
8. How should Christians act towards each other? (P3 p. 149) To truly **love** each other, to **stand** on the side of **good**, to **honor** each other, and to **forgive** each other.
9. Realizing that hardships would happen, what does Paul say the Christians should do when they are faced with tough times and temptation? (P4 p. 149)
 - Hold** on to the **truth** of the **gospel**
 - Proclaim** the gospel to **others**
 - Pray** at all times
10. How does the living the Christian life differ from what our culture tells us we should do? (P5 p.149) **Our culture** tells us to "look out for number one" and live for ourselves. **As Christians we belong to each other, take care of each other's needs and serve each other.**

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES AND LIST ALL OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS THAT YOU FIND MENTIONED IN THESE TEXTS.

I Corinthians 12: 8-10

To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another he gives the gift of special knowledge. The Spirit gives special faith to another, and to someone else he gives the power to heal the sick. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and to another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to know whether it is really the Spirit of God or another spirit that is speaking. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, and another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

Ephesians 4:10-16

He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christians in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

Romans 12:6-8

God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you. If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

	Spiritual Gift		Spiritual Gift
1	Wise Advice	10	Apostle
2	Special knowledge	11	Evangelist
3	Special faith	12	Pastor
4	Power to heal the sick	13	Serving others
5	Perform miracles	14	Teacher
6	Prophesy	15	Encourager
7	Knows whether it is the Spirit of God	16	Generous giver of money
8	Speak in unknown languages	17	Leadership
9	Interprets unknown languages	18	Shows kindness (mercy)