

Wednesday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:22-24a *Honor the weaker parts*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Who might be weaker members of the body, as you see it, or the ones who are less “respected?”*
2. *Do you agree that more respectable members of the body don’t need greater respect? Why?*

Prayer Focus Holy Spirit, we get confused sometimes by the world’s definitions of importance and usefulness. Humble us to see that we are each indispensable to the making of your heaven on earth. Let us love alike, always.

Thursday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:24b-25 *Care for each one the same*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *If we’re all different, why do we need to show the same care for each other?*
2. *What care do you need from others today? What care do you need to show for others?*

Prayer Focus Giver of Grace, we offer our thanks that you are in charge. Send your Holy Spirit to train our hearts to live with your way of compassion, empathy, and openness. Let your peace be how we live each day, with everyone we meet.

Friday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:26-27 *Each member is part of the whole*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What do you think of when you consider that we all suffer when even one of us suffers?*
2. *How can we better embrace diversity in our church today? What part might you play?*

Prayer Focus Jesus, our true body, re-we commit to lifting up each other, as you lifted us. You’ve given us so much, not caring if we are worthy. Let us imitate you and do our share to build your precious body, the family you created for us.

We Belong to Each Other

Pastor’s message: 1 Corinthians 12:14-27.
Trinity Sunday/Racial Justice Sunday
Message Notes:

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Do you work better as part of a team or on your own? Why? (No right or wrong answers!)*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **1 Corinthians 12:14-27**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER **June 12, 2022**

Monday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-18 *The body is diverse*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What part of the body of Christ do you feel you represent? (Hand? Foot? Eye? etc.) How do you live out that identity?*
2. *Have your gifts changed over time or in different situations?*

Prayer Focus We remember that you made us to be part of a greater whole, Creator God. Your world with all its diversity troubles us, at times. Open our eyes to see as you see us, God, each and every one of us precious in your sight.

Tuesday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:19-21 *Body parts must work together*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you feel some gifts are more important or valuable to the church than other gifts?*
2. *Consider what gift or gifts you might have that could (or do) serve the Body of Christ?*

Prayer Focus Spirit of Truth, visit us today. Remind us that we don't have to control or label or define others as anything but parts of the same body that shapes and blesses us. Help us to live in ways that serve justice, balance, and your peace.