

Sermon: Ever Member Essential.
Series: *Essential*.

Scripture: 1 Cor. 12:12-27.
Date: June 12, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Have you ever felt useless or unimportant in your relationship with the church? Do you see yourself as essential part of the body of Christ? Why or why not?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) "God has arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose" (v.18). How might this truth change your attitude/perception of the church? What might change if you truly believed this?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) How does unity in diversity reflect the gospel?

b) Salvation means more than just being saved FROM sin. We are saved TO the body of Christ. Do you believe this? In what way are you living it out?

APPLICATION

a) What do you believe is your role in the church? What steps can you take to know and carry out your role in the church?

b) Church members are meant to be interdependent. Who do you depend on in the church? Who depends on you?

c) Read verse 26 again. How can we practice this as a small group?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Corinthians 12:18-20.

PRAYER

- Praise God for placing you into the church.
- Confess ways that you have tried to live independent of others.
- Thank Jesus for making you an indispensable part of his body.
- Ask God to help you to know and fulfill your role in the church.