

The Church Needs...
Rev. 3:14-20

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

The Church Needs Variety (12-19)

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink [a] into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

The Church Needs Unity (20-26)

20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23 And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unrepresentable parts have greater modesty, 24 but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 25 that there should be no [a]schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

The Church Need You (Romans 12: 4-6a)

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share a time when you had severe pain from such a small organ/object like Pastor Jacob Shared with his tooth.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Begin thinking about what you're good at, think about different skills that God has given you.
- Have those skills been refined over time? How has God been building up the gifts He gave you?
- Share the previous thoughts below:

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share with one another the gift that you thought of. Share about the times where God has refined that gift or maybe forced it to grow? How have you used it in the Church. If you haven't what is holding you back?
- If there is someone in the group who feels like they don't have any gifts, instruct the group members to share with them one thing they think they're gifted in. Use the GC to speak into their doubts and provide encouragement.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You that you have given us grace and mercy in our lives. Lord would you reveal to us what gifts you've given us and how you want me to use them. Lord I know each one of us has been given something, Lord help us use it to glorify you and encourage one another. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Identify where you're currently serving or want to begin serving. Then serve like your salvation depends on it, because somebodies does.