



identity

The Body of Christ - 3/22/2020

OVERVIEW

As Christ followers, we are part of the Body of Christ. God has perfectly designed each of us to play an important role. The way we love each other and the way we are unified expresses God to the world. We can only be reflective of who Jesus is if we work together. How will we work together to connect and care during these trying times?

Scripture (all NLT, unless noted): Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-18, 27; John 1:18 (NIV), 13:35, 17:21, 23; Matthew 11:27, Colossians 1:15,18

APPLICATION

- Last week, Jeremy talked about expressing thanksgiving and gratitude to God amid chaos, fear and uncertainty. Where have you seen God move this week that has made you thankful and grateful?
- As Christ followers, we are the physical expression of God (the body of Christ) to the world. Our actions should express the character of God to those around us. How are your thoughts or actions either representing or misrepresenting who Christ is?
- When we love each other, work together and are unified, we express God to the world. We can only be reflective of who Jesus is if we work together. How have you seen the Body of Christ work together in unity this week?
- We have the opportunity to express the power of who Jesus is in the midst of the fear that is encompassing our world. What steps are you going to take this week to connect and care for others in your spheres of influence?
- HOMEWORK: "Connect and Care" is our mantra for this next season. It takes intentionality. Pick a way you can start being the church to our community. Some examples are to reach out to the elderly in your neighborhood. Offer to go shopping for them. Offer to babysit for parents who have to work. Pack a lunch for a child who may not have one. Write a letter to someone you know in a nursing home. Send a note of gratitude to our hospital staff or first responders. And the list goes on and on. Use #careforandconnect on social media. We would love to see how you are being the body!