

Wednesday July 30th
Best Practices - 1 Corinthians 11-12

Opening

What is the best or worst job you've ever had?

Digging Deeper

Message Review: In chapter 11 the apostle Paul teaches the principle of biblical headship and also corrects the selfish and divisive attitude of some believers toward the communion meal. In chapter 12 he begins to teach about spiritual gifts, emphasizing that even though there is great diversity in the types of spiritual gifts God gives, yet they all come from Him. And although there is a great diversity in the membership of the church, yet all are united into one body. The focus for our discussion will be the unity and diversity of the body of Christ. **READ** 1 Corinthians 12:12-18

1. In verses 12-13 Paul speaks of the unity of the body of Christ and says, "by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." What kind of baptism is he talking about and who does it apply to? What kinds of differences between people does this baptism overcome (see verse 13)?
2. In verses 14-17 Paul talks about how each member of the body has a distinct function, and each one is beneficial. What parts of the human body does he mention and how might they compare to gifts and talents found in the local church?
3. In verse 18, Paul reminds us that God is the designer of the human body. What does this tell us about the church body? How should this truth affect our view of others in our own fellowship? How might it affect the way we see ourselves?

Application

1. What are some practical things you can do to discover the role God has called you to play in the body of Christ?
2. What are some ways we can encourage others in the role God has given them?

Prayer

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?
2. Pray for personal needs.