

Sunnyside Foursquare

Series: Ekklesia – The Purpose of the Church

Title: The Body of Christ

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Scriptures:

Read- Matthew 16:13-20

Church (Greek: Ekklesia)-

*Definition: Called out ones, gathered in assembly,

I, DJ, like to say ‘*Called out ones who are united on mission*’

*Used in New Testament: 114 times in 111 verses

Read- Romans 12:1-13

Questions:

1. When you think of the church what comes to mind a place, a service/meeting, or a community of faith? Beyond Sunday mornings how are you connected to the body of Christ?
2. As the New Testament uses the metaphor of a body to describe the church why is it imperative that we remember Christ is the Head? How does that play out practically in your daily life and involvement with Jesus’ Church?
 1. What role does “renewing of your mind” play into that?
3. The Scripture says, “each member (of the body) belongs to all the others (vs. 5).” What a powerful truth. How have you experienced that to be true? How might you encourage others in that truth who *haven’t experienced* its power personally?
 1. When you think of your body, how important is it that each member of your body works properly and fulfills its role?
 2. Can you share a story when a Christian has helped make you feel like you belong to the church, the body of church?
4. What role or importance does “**sincere love**” (vs. 9) play within our involvement and belonging to Christ’s body? How would lack of sincerity be hurtful or damaging?

5. Paul lists some practical ways we can show love sincerely (vs. 9-13 and beyond) to others within the body of Christ. What are they? Does one stick out to you as an area of growth? If so, please include that in your prayers for each other as you wrap up.