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The Church is a Body

Identify your part in Jesus' Body, engaging your role while valuing your interdependence with others

1. The Body of Christ demonstrates both _____ and _____

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

This metaphor isn't a _____ – we are literally "the Body of Christ" engaging His mission and His purpose in the world in the absence of His actual body being among us

Mark 10:45

Trinity Core Value:

You are designed with a role in mind

division – the result of _____ people who value what they don't have in common more than what they do

"As the body of Christ operates in this way, so the individual members will find their real needs met. The need for security is met in the assurance that 'I belong to the body.' The need for identity is met in recognizing and working at the fact that 'I have a distinctive contribution to bring to the body.' The need for a proper sense of responsibility is met by assuming concern for others in the body: 'I need you; I feel with you; I rejoice with you.' So each individual grows as a person and as a Christian in direct relation to his finding his place as a member of the body."

David Pryor, *The Message of 1 Corinthians*

2. You are to _____ and _____ the specific gifting that you've been given

Romans 12:3-8

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you

"If you are a member of this body, you have an obligation to perform your part in the body function. 'Don't be the appendix!'"

Bill Bunnell

Critical needs that our ministry teams have:

- HSM small group leaders
- Trinity Kids Sunday morning leaders and worship leaders
- Worship Service Greeters
- Start Here Booth staff
- Coffee House team
- Safety Team members
- Campus organizers helping to get some of our storage spaces functional

Please email Sheri Blakey (sblakey@trinityonline.org) for next steps

3. The Body of Christ is meant to _____ and be " _____ "

Ephesians 4:3-4; 11-16

*"to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach **unity** in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become **mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*

Trinity Church is called to be " _____ " – the Body of Christ that actively pursues maturity and growth

*"speaking the truth in **love**"*

*"grows and builds itself up in **love**"*

In one sense the body of Christ is already complete: it is a true body, not simply part of one. In another sense that body is said to grow to perfection, a process that will be completed only on the final day. The body metaphor reflects the 'already-not yet' tension of the two ages. It is both complete and yet it grows. It is a heavenly entity and yet it is an earthly reality; and it is both present and future, with a consummation occurring at [Jesus' Second Coming].

Peter T. O'Brien, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Letter to the Ephesians.*

Now What? Identify your part in Jesus' Body, engaging your role while valuing your interdependence with others