

THE BODY

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BIG IDEA

The fellowship of the body flows from an overflow of love, becoming part of the believer's identity, and ultimately shaping them.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Ruth 1:8-10; 1Cor 1:26-27; 1Cor 12:13; Gal 3:28;

RESOURCES

Life in the Trinity: by Donal Fairbairn

The Other Half of Church by Jim Wilder

Paul's Idea of Community by Robert Banks.

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?
4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

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Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

We are designed, crafted, and shaped for relationship—and that this becomes our identity. Both 1 Cor 12:13 and Gal 3:28 say there is no distinction; rather, we are part of a community. It is deeply intertwined with our identity. How does that shape your perspective of church? What should the role in your life?

Attentiveness to community invites a relationship that flows from the trinitarian love between the Father, Son, and Spirit. This relationship is birthed out of *Hesed* love, a loving kindness, steadfast, committed love. A love as described in Ruth 1:8-10. What does it look like to create a community that operates out of *Hesed* love? What would that do for the community? How can we practically demonstrate such love? What needs to change inside your heart?

Attentiveness from the community invites transparency and humility. However, sin isolates us from community. Toxic shame pushes away and isolates, while healthy shame invites correction. Have you experienced healthy shame? What does Paul's statement for 1Cor:26-27 tell us? What does it look like to have a life that operates from a posture of "Roof off, walls down—nothing to prove, nothing to hide"

What is the Lord placing on your heart for this week?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.