

THE BODY

September 20, 2026

BIG IDEA

A body, empowered by the Spirit, shaped into sent to bring hope to the world

KEY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Ezek 36:26-27; John 20:21-23; Gal 5:16-23; Rev 19:7-8

RESOURCES

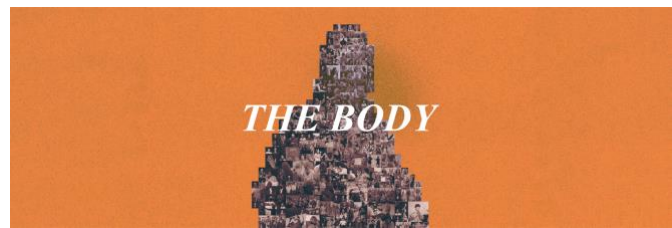
Bullies and Saints by John Dickson,

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

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?

What has been your view of the church? How has that been shaped by your history?

Rev 19:7-8, John talks about the Church as His Bride. How does the reality that it is His bride change your perspective and interaction with the church?

Acts 2 shows us that the Church is and can only function as Spirit-empowered. Gal 5 gives us a framework for what a Spirit-filled life looks like. Ask the Lord what areas you still need to surrender and allow the Spirit to *shape* in you (James 4:6,10).

The church is both sanctified and *sent* in the power of the Holy Spirit. The church is sent on mission to be image-bearers of Christ's incoming kingdom. What is the Lord placing on your heart? Where is He nudging your spirit?

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.