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Message 1 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

## Better Together Than Apart

### THE BIG IDEA

**You belong in the body of Christ because God put you there — and so does everyone else.**

### SERMON OUTLINE

#### Introduction

The tension every generation feels — and the spiritual answer Scripture gives.

#### I. The Spirit Made Us One (vv. 12-13)

Every believer entered this body the same way: by one Spirit, through faith.

#### II. The Lie We Tell Ourselves (vv. 14-17)

Self-rejection rooted in comparison — the foot's complaint and the ear's complaint.

#### III. God Placed Every Member (v. 18)

God — not tradition or trend — set each member exactly as he willed.

#### Biblical Illustration: Exodus 31:1-6

Bezaleel, Aholiab, and the building of God's dwelling place.

#### Application

Stop asking: Is this church what I want? Start asking: Am I functioning where God placed me?



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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

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### OPENING

1. What is one word you would use to describe how you experienced church growing up? How does that compare to how you experience it now?

### INTO THE TEXT

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. According to Paul, what is the basis for every believer's belonging in the body of Christ?

3. In verses 15-16, the foot and the ear each voice a complaint. What is the root of that complaint? Have you ever felt this way in the church?

4. What does verse 18 say about who placed you in this body — and what does that mean for how you see your own role?

### APPLYING THE TRUTH

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5. Which is more tempting for you: withdrawing because you feel you don't fit, or vying for the church to become what you prefer? Why?

6. What is one practical way you can receive someone from a different generation as God's placement in this body this week?

### MEMORY VERSE

**1 Corinthians 12:18** But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.