"Be Dependable Because You Aren't Expendable!"

KCCC 2025 Retreat



<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

#### 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (ESV)

## Be Dependable - You're Not Expendable

• The Body of Christ is ONE because of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

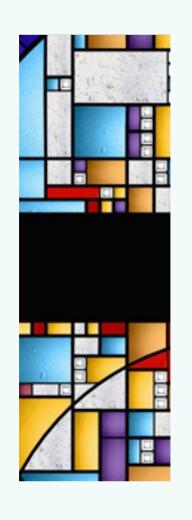
#### 1 Corinthians 12:14-18 (ESV)

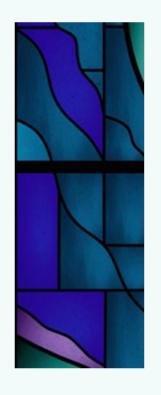
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

## **Romans 12:3-5 (ESV)**

## Be Dependable - You're Not Expendable

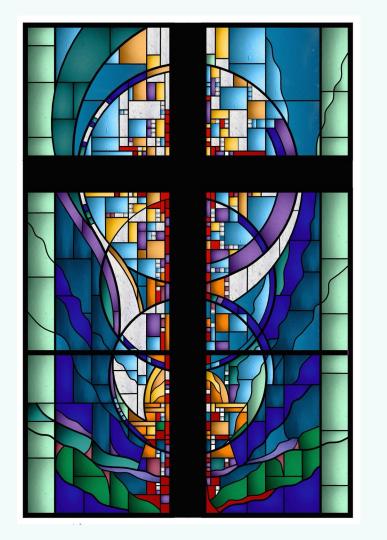
- The Body of Christ is ONE because of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).
- What you think about yourself, cannot be only about yourself (1 Corinthians 12:14-18, Romans 12:3-5).











<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

# 1 Corinthians 12:1**7-20 (ESV)**

## Be Dependable - You're Not Expendable

- The Body of Christ is ONE because of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).
- What you think about yourself, cannot be only about yourself (1 Corinthians 12:14-18, Romans 12:3-5).
- Different parts are needed if the Body is to exist (1 Corinthians 12:17-20)

- 1. What are some of the challenges you personally have faced in your desire to see UNITY or ONENESS in your church? (be honest, but wise in how you share)
- 2. What do you think your role might be as part of the body of Christ at your church? If you aren't sure, how can you take next steps to discern what your gifts/talents may be that God HAS given to you?
- 3. What is the biggest barrier in your life that sometimes makes it challenging to serve with your gift?
- 4. End this time to pray for one another, pray for your churches.

#### **Discussion Questions**