

How Do I Fit?

The Body – I Corinthians 6:12-20

Read & Reflect

1. Read I Corinthians 6:12-20.
 - To what is Paul reacting in presenting his argument to the Corinthian Christians?
 - What is he trying to argue for?
 - Verse 13 says, “The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, *and the Lord for the body.*” What does it mean to say the Lord is made for the body?”
2. Referring to verse 19, do you think it makes more sense to think of each individual person/body as a temple, or to think of the collective bodies as “the temple of the Holy Spirit?”

Explore

3. Which perception of the body of Christ stands out the most to you, and why?
 - His earthly physical body
 - His resurrected body
 - The elements at the Lord’s Supper
 - The local church as Christ’s hands & feet
 - The universal church, joined by one baptism, one Spirit, one Lord.
4. What are some church traits that are emphasized by using the image of “a body”? See other passages where the church is described as “a body.” (Rom.12:1-8; I Cor. 12; Eph.4:1-16; Col.1:15-20)
5. To think that God has honoured me with a body that belongs to, behaves like, and reflects Christ feels:
 - Uncomfortable
 - Doesn’t compute
 - Like heresy
 - Comforting
 - Presumptuous
 - Daunting

Pray:

- Pray for God to help us grow so that more and more we are the body of Christ:
 - that we serve the body of Christ well, that the body of Christ cares for us well,
 - that the body of Christ honours God, and that the body of Christ engages well in the world.

Reminder: Workshop on June 2 (5:00 – 7:30 PM) to explore spiritual gifts and serving in the body of Christ; make it a life group event.

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