

SERMON NOTES

Date: July 9, 2017

Series: Uncommon Community

Title: The Unity of Uncommon Community

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Big Idea: Though we are many, we are each called into the unity of uncommon community known as the body Christ. Each of us needs the community and the community needs each one of us.

I. Series Introduction

What comes to mind when you think of the word...*fellowship*? Biblical fellowship is more than punch and cookies after church. It's active participation in interests we share because of and for the sake of Jesus Christ. It's what the early church experienced as they devoted themselves to "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

Another word we use today to describe biblical fellowship is *community*. The world has community because of what they have in common. Yet, God calls every believer in Jesus into *uncommon community*. It's uncommon because:

- God has called us into fellowship with his Son. (1 Corinthians 1:9)
- God has called us out from following the patterns of this world. (Romans 12:2)

By God's grace we can begin to practice uncommon community as we learn the nature of the *One Another Commands* in the Bible.

II. The Unity of Uncommon Community

A. You Need Uncommon Community

B. Uncommon Community Needs You

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

If you had to give up one of your senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, or hearing), which would you choose to be without? How would it change your life to be without this “body part”? _____

How does the body illustration in 1 Corinthians 12 transfer to our understanding of and interactions within the church? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

In what situations are you tempted to seek isolation and independence when instead you should be seeking community and interdependence? How can you grow your interdependence on other church members? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

First Corinthians 12 warns us against any part of the body considering itself either less important or more important than the others. How have you been tempted to think of yourself as either more or less important? _____

Since you are an important member of the body of Christ, what are you doing to help the body function more effectively? How is your participation in our body “indispensable” to our body? How is your church “indispensable” to you? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Functionally living as part of the body requires interaction with other parts. Take time to deliberately reach out to another person in the church this week. Look someone you don't know as well.