

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 16, 2019
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

1. What is Paul trying to tell us in verses 12-14?
 - a. Paul is using an analogy or a metaphor, the church is like a body.
 - b. Like a body, which has many parts, the church also has many parts.
 - c. Like a body, all of the parts that make up the church form a whole that is capable of much more than the individual parts.
 - d. The parts of the body are all different.

2. What do verses 15-18 say about the body?
 - a. It seems ridiculous to us to think the body would be better off if all parts were the same.
 - b. It seems obvious to us that the parts of the body each have a purpose and are important in their own way.
 - c. We should think the same way about the church.
 - d. It seems that, perhaps, in the church there were people who thought they were not important to the body because they didn't have the gifts or function that somebody else did.

3. Can you think of an example of people in the church thinking like verses 15-16? _____

4. What do verses 21-24 say about the body?
 - a. This sounds like it is saying the same thing as the last section.
 - b. In this section, it is the "more important" parts of the body that are being critical of the other parts of the body.
 - c. Paul is pointing out that the parts of the body that "seem to be weaker" are indispensable and the parts that "we think are less honorable" should be treated with special honor.

5. According to verses 24-25, why has God put the body together as he has? _____

6. What does verses 26 say about how the church should interact with one another? _____

7. Do we treat each other in this way? _____

8. What parts of the church body are seen as having greater honor? _____

9. What parts of the church body are seen as having less honor? _____

10. What would happen if everyone in the church looked for the job that gave them the most honor?

11. What part of the body are you? _____

12. Are you willing to serve in the position that God has assigned to you? Yes _____ No _____ Explain.

13. Are you willing to seek what God has called you to as a part of the body? _____