



STORM the GATES

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WK 2: The Body Of Christ

SERIES OVERVIEW

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus promised to build his church and that the gates of hell will not prevail against it. (Matt 16:18) The imagery implies that hell is in a defensive posture against the advances of the church. The goal of the series is to give us a proper understanding of the offensive nature of the church in the world. We'll look at some of the most common metaphors in the NT used to describe the church and learn what each means about how to storm the gates of hell victoriously.

CONTEXT

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 illustrates the concept of the church as the body of Christ, emphasizing that each member, regardless of their role, is vital to the functioning, unity and mission of the church. It teaches that diversity within the body is essential, as each part contributes uniquely to the common good, highlighting the importance of interdependence among believers.

THE BIG IDEA

The church is a body. To storm the gates of hell every member of the body must do their part.

ICE BREAKER

Pick One! Choose one of the questions below to answer. The 2nd one is for deeper community.

1. What was your favorite memory of summer?
2. If you could hear one thing from God right now, what do you hope He would say?

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

12 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. 13 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. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 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. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



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GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 as a group.

What's the difference between being a member of something (Costco, country club) and being a member of the Body of Christ? Which one gives you rights and which one gives you responsibilities?

As a member of the body of Christ, you've been given spiritual gifts and an assignment. What gifts have you been given and how are you serving in the body of Christ? (*Find your spiritual gifts <https://spiritualgiftstest.com/> and stop by Next Steps at your location to find a place to serve.*)

Do you ever feel like the church really doesn't need you? How does Ephesians 2:10 speak to verses 17-20 and the body of Christ needing all parts of the body to flourish?

Pride is self-fixation. How do verses 21-27 speak to our pride and the truth that every member needs the body.

According to verse 25, why did God design the body this way?

When Crosspoint City is functioning as members of one body and everyone is doing their part, how does this impact our charge to Storm The Gates?

Why and how does the enemy keep us from doing our part?

For those who are not doing your part, what is keeping you from doing it?

Discussion continued: For those who are doing your part or even doing more than your part, what keeps you from inviting others to serve God's church with you?

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

Closing Prayer.

(come back together as a group)

God, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and people in our church and community. Thank you for how you have given us different gifts and passions so that we can come together and be the body of Christ. Create in us a desire to storm the gates of hell for our One and for our families. God, we trust your promise that victory over darkness belongs to you. In the power of Jesus name we pray, amen



Info & Registration [HERE](#)

Available Dates: Aug. 28/29, Sept. 11/12,
Oct. 23/24, Nov. 6/7