

The Organism

Romans 12:3–8

The church is an ORGANISM more than it is An ORGANIZATION.

The Lord build His church by...

...encouraging the HUMILITY and right MINDSET of His people. (v. 3)

...growing the UNITY and DIVERSITY of His people. (v. 4--5)

...GIFTING His people for the GROWTH of the body. (vv. 6--8)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Do you view the church more as an organization or an organism? Discuss the concept of the trellis and the vine and what that looks like at our church as we seek to follow our purpose. John 15:4-5
2. The Lord builds His church based on the confession that Jesus is Lord..how does that see the purpose of the church and the right mindset of His people? Matt. 6:13-18, Rom. 11:33-12:2, Rom. 8:29, 1 Cor. 12:11, Eph. 2:8-10
3. How does pride hinder our ability to be used in the church? Why is it important to cultivate humility when considering our spiritual gifts? Rom. 12:3, Phil. 2:1-5, 2 Cor. 10:13, Heb. 2:3-4
4. What does it mean for each believer to have a unique gift? How does this contribute to the diversity of the body of Christ? Rom. 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 12, Eph. 4:11-13.
5. How can we encourage and support one another in using our spiritual gifts for the common good of the church? Heb. 10:23-25.
6. How do you see the body of Christ and the unity we share because of Him? 1 Cor. 12:12-13.
7. Review the seven gifts mentioned in this passage and discuss what these are and how God uses them to build His church. 1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Thess. 5:19-22, 1 Cor. 14:1-5, Matt. 7:15-20, 1 Cor. 14:26-33, Heb. 10:24-25, 2 Cor. 9:11-12, 1 Thess. 5:12-13, 1 Tim. 5:17, Matt. 6:3, 2 Cor. 9:6-8.
8. Discuss how you think you are gifted and share what giftedness you see in others in your group.

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