



# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Be Church”

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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Our mission at KBF isn't just about attending church; it's about belonging to a family. As we gather and go out, we carry the light of Christ. We are the church—not just people who go to church, but the church itself.

### 1. Strength in Our Differences

1 Corinthians 12:14-18 “Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.”

If you feel like you are different, that's a good thing! Each of us is uniquely gifted, and together we form one body. Just as every part of a physical body has a vital role, every member of the church is needed for it to function as God intended. Our diversity is a strength, not a weakness.

### 2. Interdependence, Not Independence

1 Corinthians 12:21-22 “The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don't need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don't need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,”

The Bible teaches that there's no such thing as a “lone wolf” Christian. We are meant to rely on and support each other in love, recognizing that we are stronger together and that every member's contribution is crucial.

### 3. Christ as the Head

1 Corinthians 12:27 “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

Jesus is the head of the church, guiding and directing us. Our focus should be on following His lead, submitting to His authority, and allowing Him to unify us in purpose and mission. Being the church means living in harmony under His lordship—no one else should take His place. Jesus is Lord.

### Conclusion:

The church is made up of people, — people who have made Jesus their Lord and Savior. Together, we form the body of Christ, with Jesus as the head. Though we are different, we are united as one by the Spirit. There's no “lone wolf” Christian; we are called to submit to one another in love and **be the Church.**