



**We are stronger together!**

**Unity - the state of forming a complete and pleasing whole, especially in an artistic context.**

**Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, **so it is with Christ.****

**1 Corinthians 12: 12**

**What makes you **unique** is exactly  
what our community needs!**

<sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one **Spirit so as to form one body**—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so **the body is not made up of one part but of many.**

1 Corinthians 12: 13-14

**We are all different, but Christ wants  
to unite us for **several reasons!****

**<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.**

**1 Corinthians 12: 15-16**

**Comparison is *the enemy* of joy.**

**Diversity**

**The fact that people from different backgrounds could worship together showed the world that the gospel breaks down walls of hostility.**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are **Gentiles** by birth and called “**uncircumcised**” by those who call themselves “**the circumcision**” (which is done in the body by human hands)–<sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were **separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.**

<sup>13</sup> But now **in Christ Jesus** you who  
once were far away have been  
**brought near by the blood of Christ.**

**Ephesians 2: 11-13**

**Diversity brings unique perspectives,  
gifts, and strengths that help the  
church function more effectively.**

**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?**

**1 Corinthians 12: 17**

**When everyone looks or thinks the same, the church can become unbalanced and miss opportunities to grow.**

**God has created us all uniquely so  
that we can act as a team and  
accomplish greater things than we  
could ever do by ourselves.**

**<sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.**

**1 Corinthians 12: 18-20**

**Through our diversity, we as a community of believers, will give our non-believing friends a glimpse of heaven.**

**<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28: 18-20**

**<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

**John 17: 20-21**

**How will people catch a glimpse of  
Heaven by looking at our community  
here at King Street Church?**

**They will see and feel that everyone  
belongs and has a part.**

**They will see Heaven by how we know, care for, and love one another.**

**So What?**

- 1) Accept and embrace your unique role within the body.**
- 2) Encourage and value others in their unique roles more than your own role.**
- 3) Show concern for the hurting.**

**He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.**

**Ephesians 4:16**

**We are naturally wired for  
community.**