Series: Being the Church (1 Corinthians 12-14)

Title: Embracing your Place in the Body

Text 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Organizational Sentence:

4 truths about how God has built the church.

Outline:

1. God has made us one. (12-13)
   1. We are baptized by one Spirit.
   2. We constitute one body – Christ’s.
   3. We are animated by one Spirit.
2. God chose the arrangement of the body parts.
   1. Application: you cannot amputate the body from yourself. (14-20)
3. God assigned the honor and visibility of each part.
   1. Application: You cannot amputate others.
   2. Application: We should empathize with each other.
4. God appointed our gifts. (27-31)
   1. FIRST – Apostles – foundational authority and revelation
   2. SECOND – Prophets – foundational revelation
   3. THIRD – Teachers – unpackers of what has been revealed
   4. Miracles – help confirm the work of God and benefit others
   5. Gifts of Healing – restore people
   6. Helping – meet peripheral needs
   7. Administrating – organize people
   8. Tongues – cross-language barriers
   9. Not all have each gift
   10. We should desire the higher gifts
   11. Something is more excellent than being gifted…

Bottom Line:

God has made all of us one, so embrace it and work to build us up.