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.