



9.15.24 • Craig Rees & Charles Kirby • Love the Head, Hate the Body.

Key Verses

1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Ephesians 4:15-16
Matthew 7:3-5

Big Idea

Christianity's body has scars,
but Jesus still loves His Church.

Discussion Questions

- 1). With more people leaving the church in the past 25 years than at any other point in American history, how do perceptions of hypocrisy, power, and judgment contribute to the church's struggles? Is the walking away more about the failure of the church or the pull of the world? How do we balance these two realities in our evaluation of what we are witnessing?
- 2). How do you respond when faced with the church's imperfections? How can acknowledging the church's failures help rebuild trust with those who have left?
- 3). What is the vision Jesus has for His church, and how does being part of it—rather than distancing ourselves—allow us to actively contribute to the changes needed for it to reflect that vision?
- 4). In 1 Corinthians 12:21-22, Paul says that the weaker parts of the body are indispensable. How does this challenge the idea that we can reject parts of the church we find flawed or difficult?
- 5). Ephesians 4:15 encourages us to speak the truth in love as part of the church's growth toward maturity. How does this verse shape our understanding of what it means to engage with the church's imperfections?
- 6). What steps can you take to engage with the church more fully, even when it falls short of its mission?

7). What does it mean for you to see yourself as an indispensable part of the body of Christ, even when you feel weak or disconnected?

8). Which of the four action steps—conceding and confessing, avoiding extremes, recommitting to Christlikeness, or stepping in—resonates most with you, and how might it shape your engagement with the church moving forward?

Notes

Submit a Question



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