

Foundations of the Faith

Lesson 10 – The Church - Calvary Chapel Northwest

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What is the Church?

Language

- Origin of the word “Church”

Ἐκκλησία

ekklēsia



Language

ἐκ

καλέω

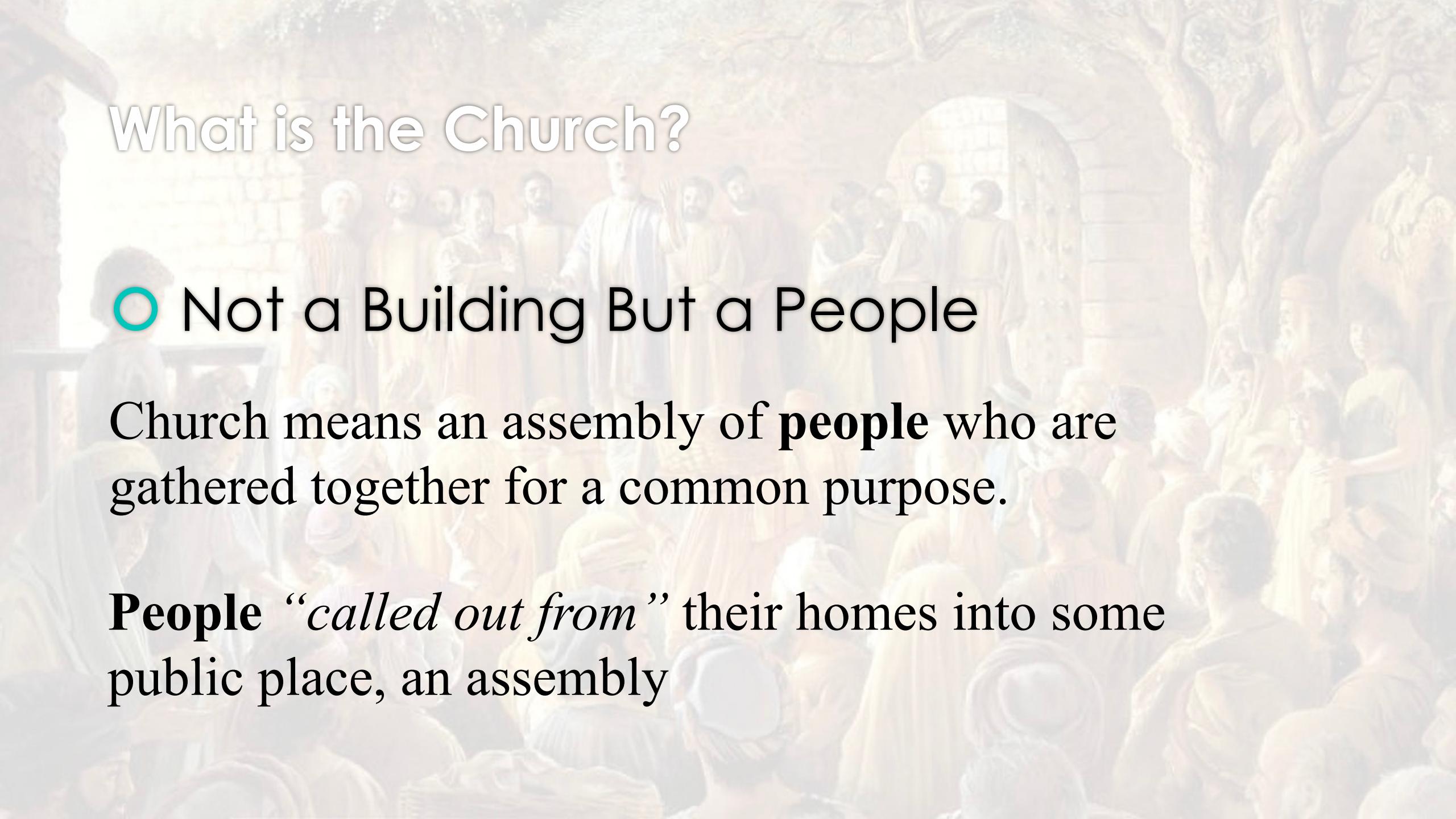
“Ek” Out Of

“Kaleō” to Call

Ἐκκλησία

ekklēsia

- i.* an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting
- ii.* a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake
- iii.* those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body
- iv.* the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth
- v.* the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven



What is the Church?

- Not a Building But a People

Church means an assembly of **people** who are gathered together for a common purpose.

People “*called out from*” their homes into some public place, an assembly

What is the Church?

○ Church in Christian Context

Refers to **people** who are bound together by a belief in Jesus and come together with the common purpose of worshipping and serving Him

○ First Mention

Matthew 16:13-18

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “*But who do you say that I am?*”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

The Early Church

○ The Church is Born

Acts 2:41-42

⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The Early Church

○ The Church is Born

Acts 2:46-47

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

The Early Church

- Doctrine (The Word)
- Baptism (Outward Sign of Inward Relationship)
- Fellowship (They Gathered Together)
- Breaking of Bread (Communion)
- Prayer (Corporate and Personal)



The Body of Christ

○ What is the Body of Christ?

σῶμα

Sōma – Body (of men)

Root Word (Etymology)

From σώζω (G4982)

Sōzō - to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction

The Body of Christ

○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² For as the **body** is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

The Body of Christ

○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (continued)

¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would the body be*?

The Body of Christ

○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (continued)

²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need.

The Body of Christ

○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (continued)

But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

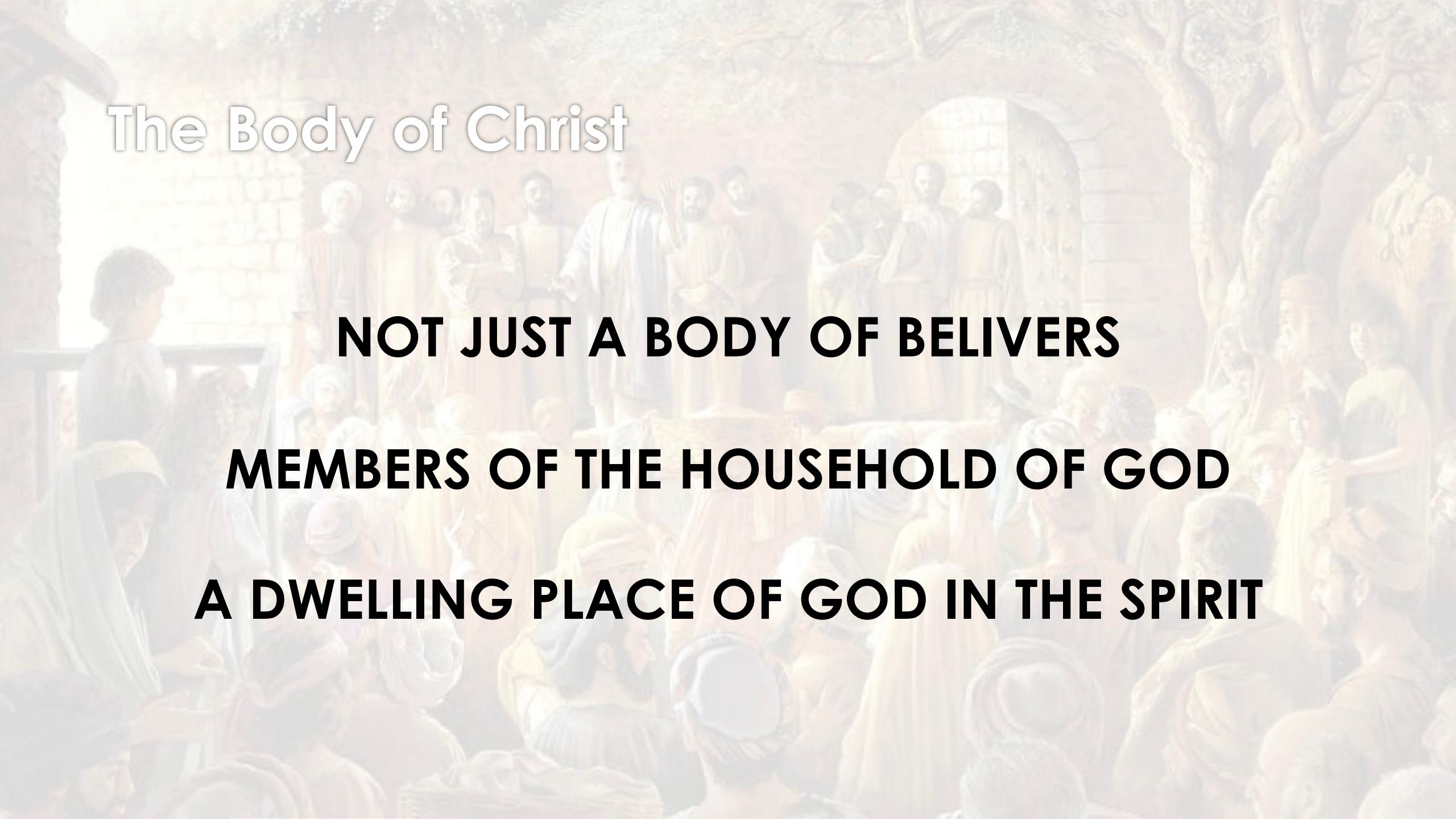
○ We Are the Body of Christ



The Body of Christ

○ Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

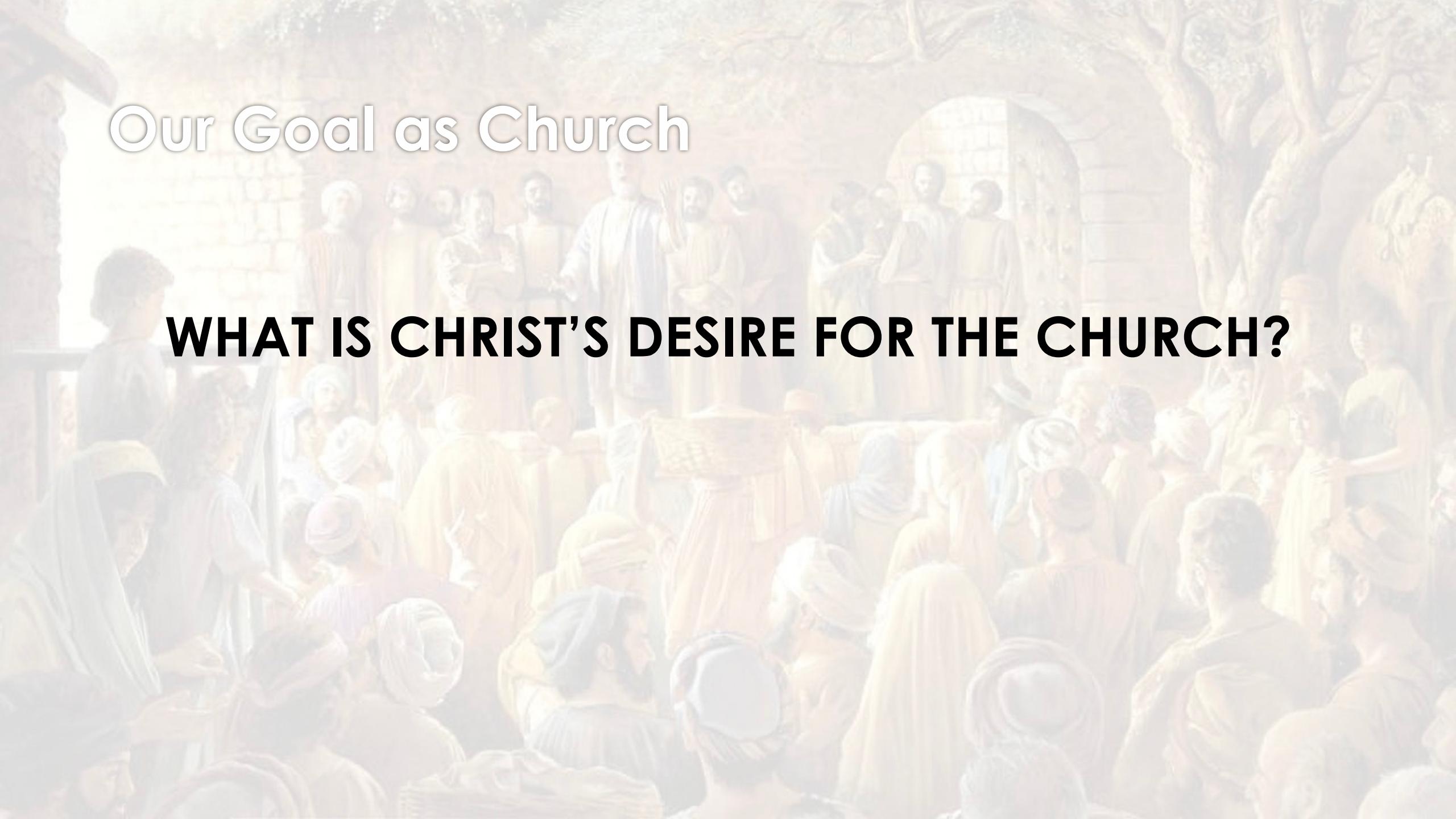


The Body of Christ

NOT JUST A BODY OF BELIEVERS

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

A DWELLING PLACE OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT



Our Goal as Church

WHAT IS CHRIST'S DESIRE FOR THE CHURCH?

Our Goal as Church

○ Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Our Goal as Church

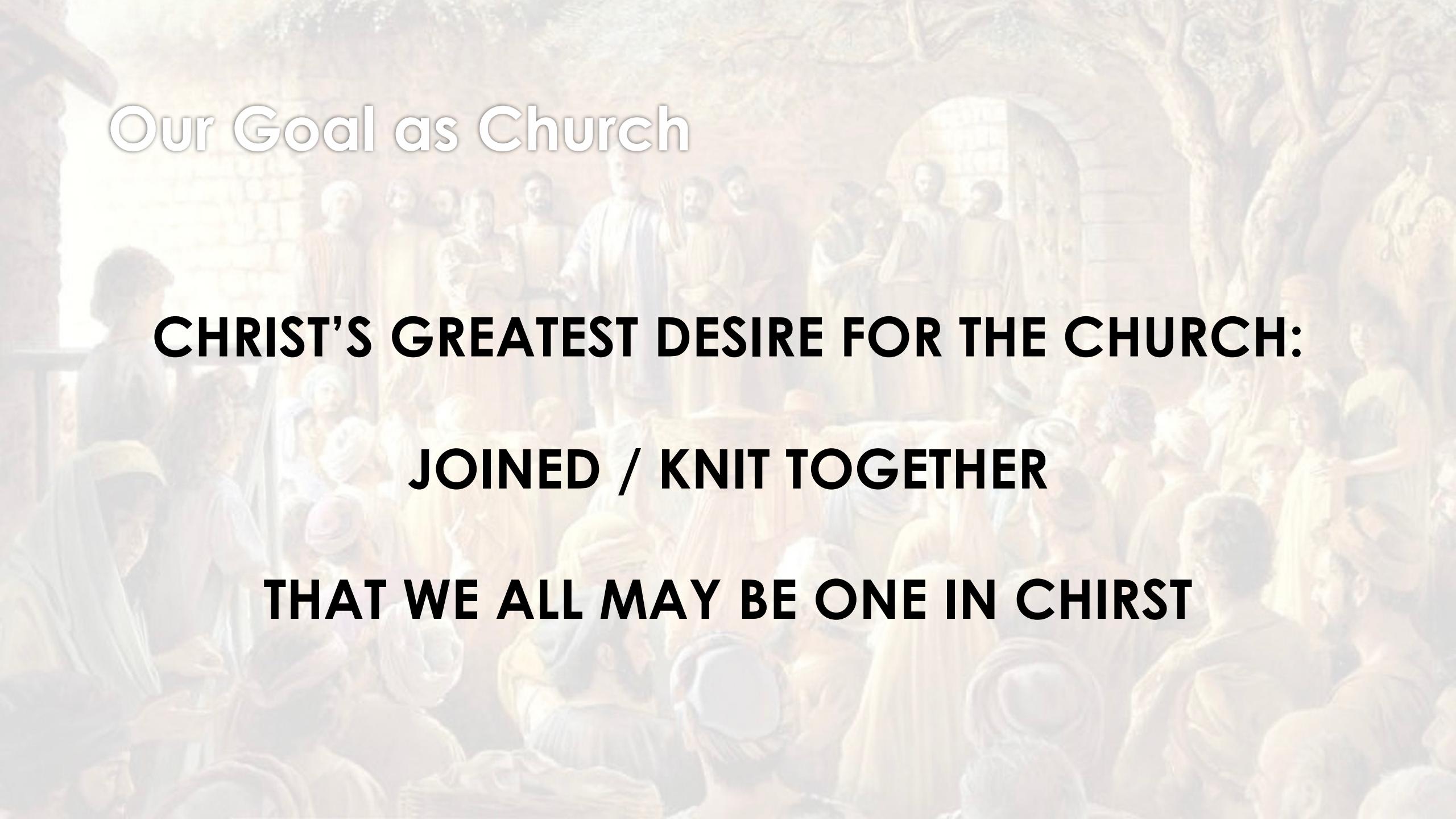
○ Ephesians 4:11-16 (continued)

¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Our Goal as Church

○ John 17:20-23

²⁰ “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.



Our Goal as Church

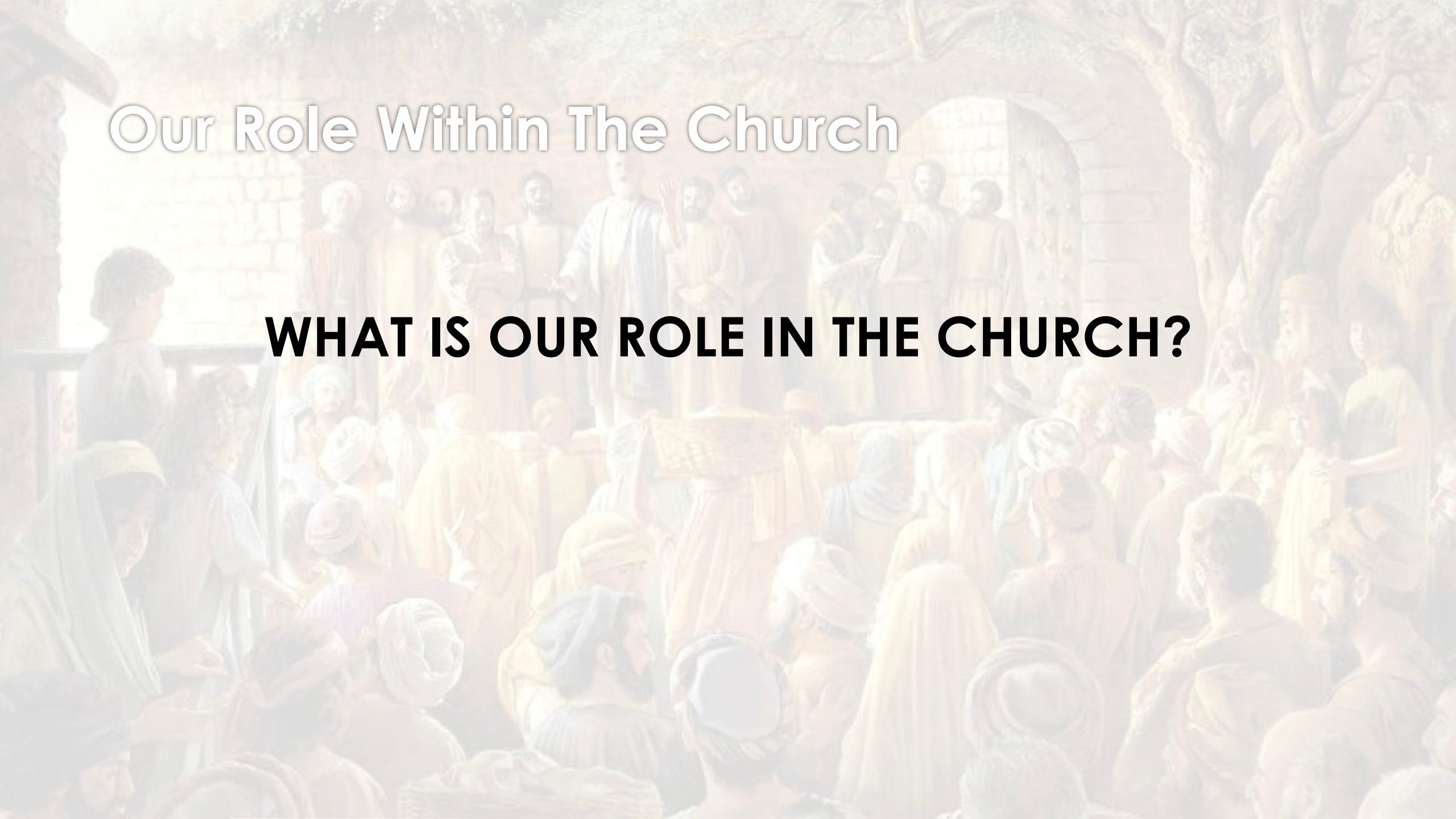
CHRIST'S GREATEST DESIRE FOR THE CHURCH:

JOINED / KNIT TOGETHER

THAT WE ALL MAY BE ONE IN CHRIST

Our Goal as Church





Our Role Within The Church

WHAT IS OUR ROLE IN THE CHURCH?

Our Role Within The Church

○ Romans 12:4-8

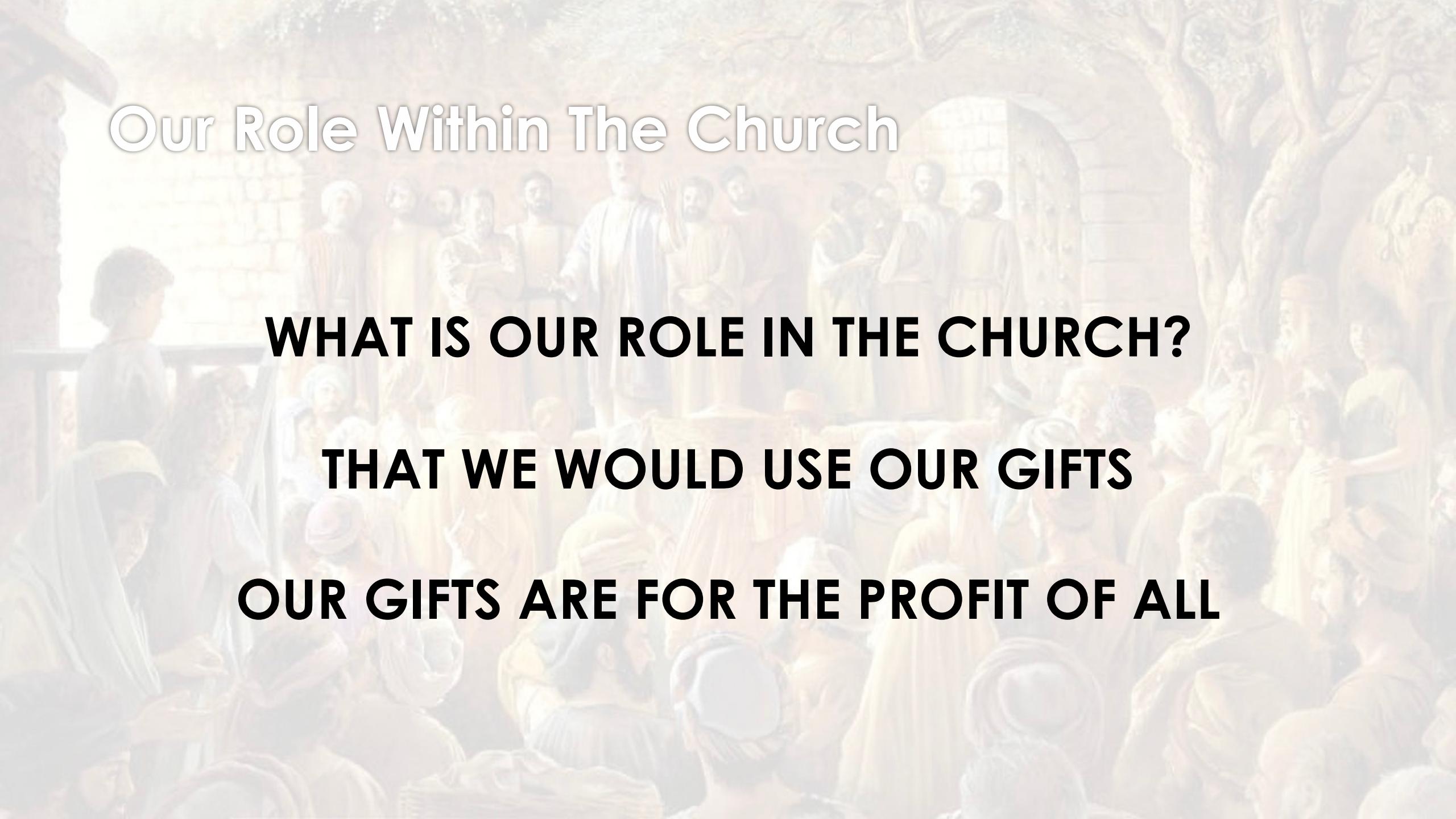
⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Our Role Within The Church

○ 1 Corinthians 12:7

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all

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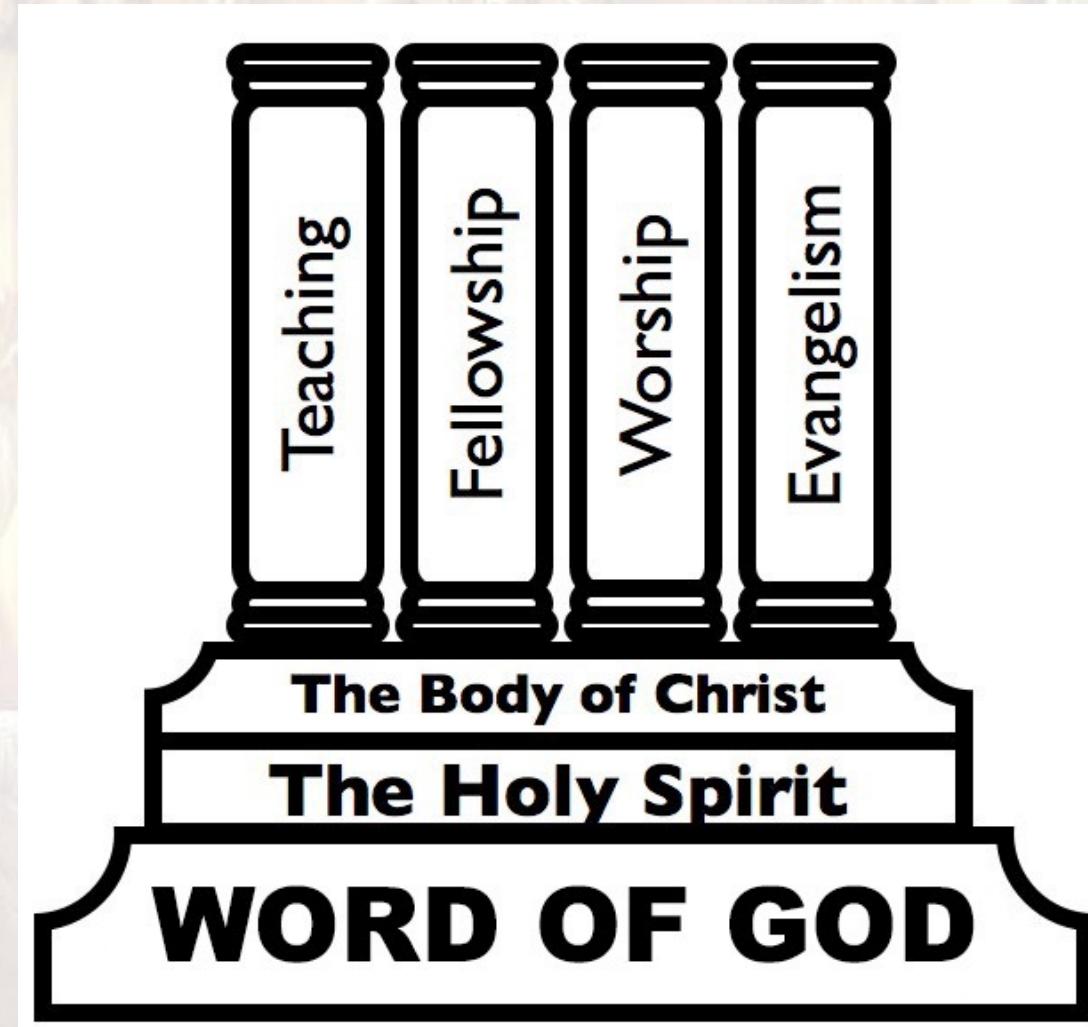


WHAT IS OUR ROLE IN THE CHURCH?

THAT WE WOULD USE OUR GIFTS

OUR GIFTS ARE FOR THE PROFIT OF ALL

Our Role Within The Church



Our Purpose Within The Church

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE IN THE CHURCH?

HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH OUR ROLE?

Our Purpose Within The Church

○ 1 Corinthians 12:5

⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

Our Purpose Within The Church

○ 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Our Purpose Within The Church

○ 1 Peter 4:9-11

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Our Purpose Within The Church

○ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Our Purpose Within The Church

○ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (continued)

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Our Purpose Within The Church

○ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (continued)

⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

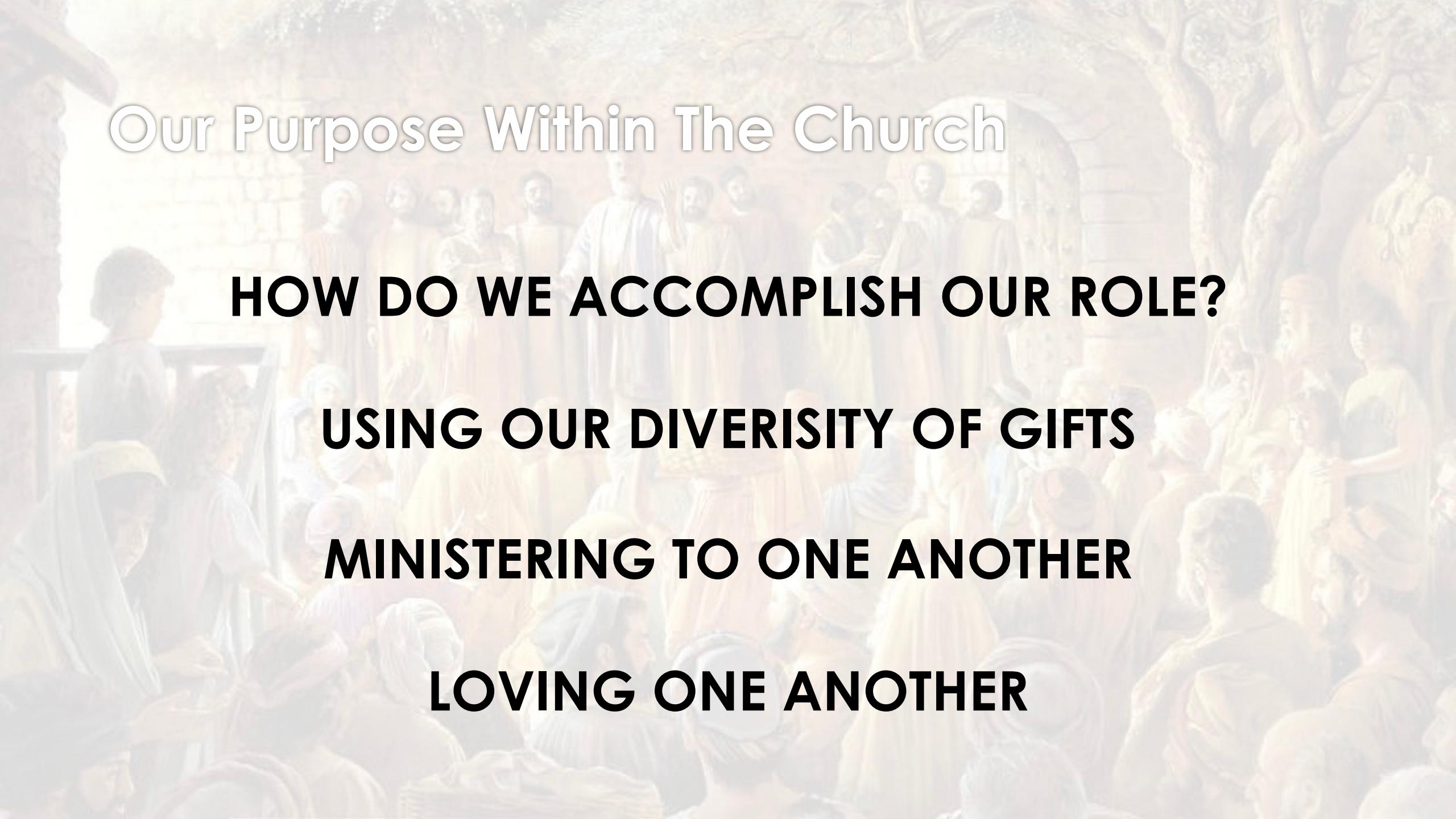
Our Purpose Within The Church

○ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (continued)

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Our Purpose Within The Church

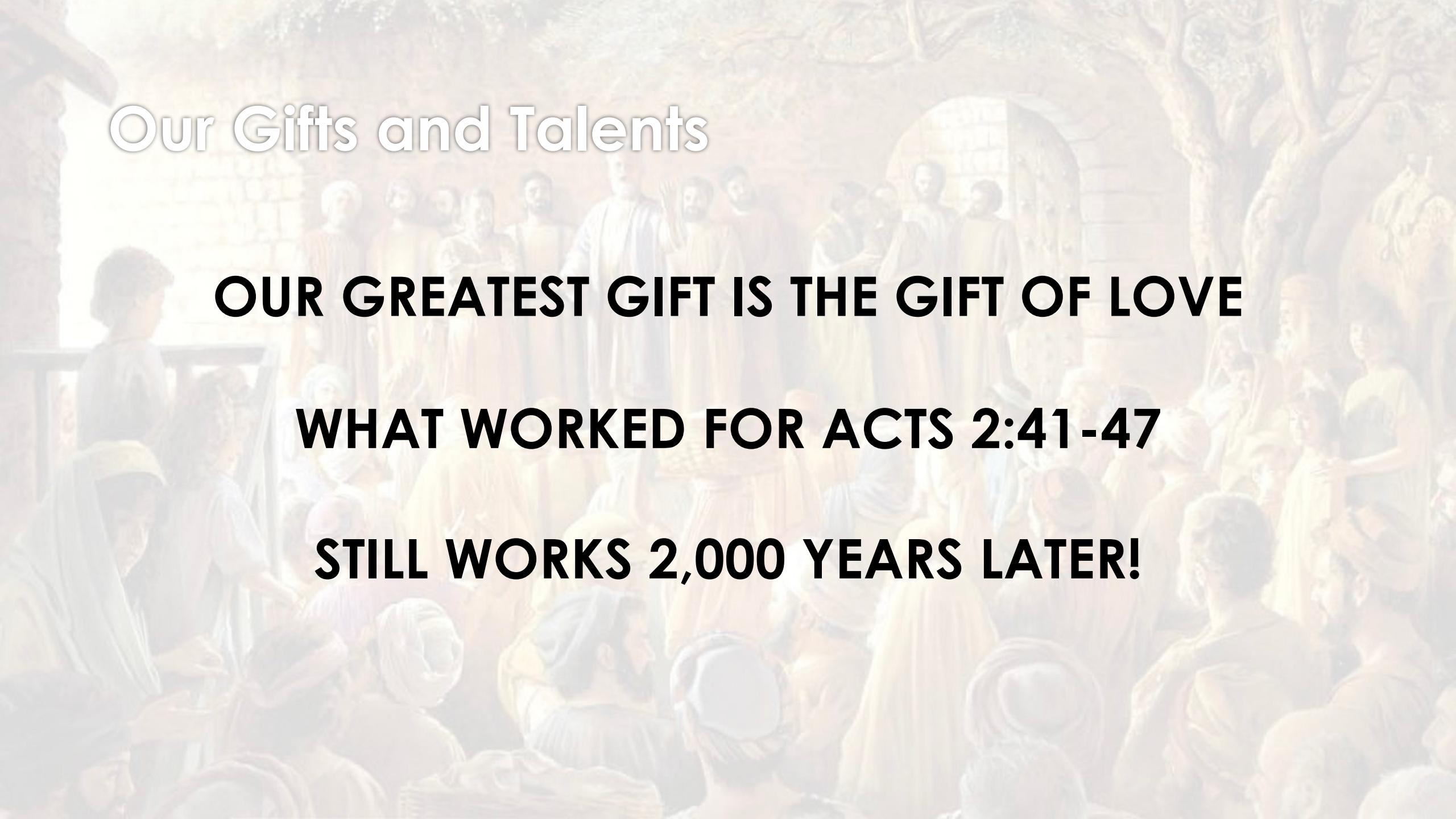


HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH OUR ROLE?

USING OUR DIVERSITY OF GIFTS

MINISTERING TO ONE ANOTHER

LOVING ONE ANOTHER

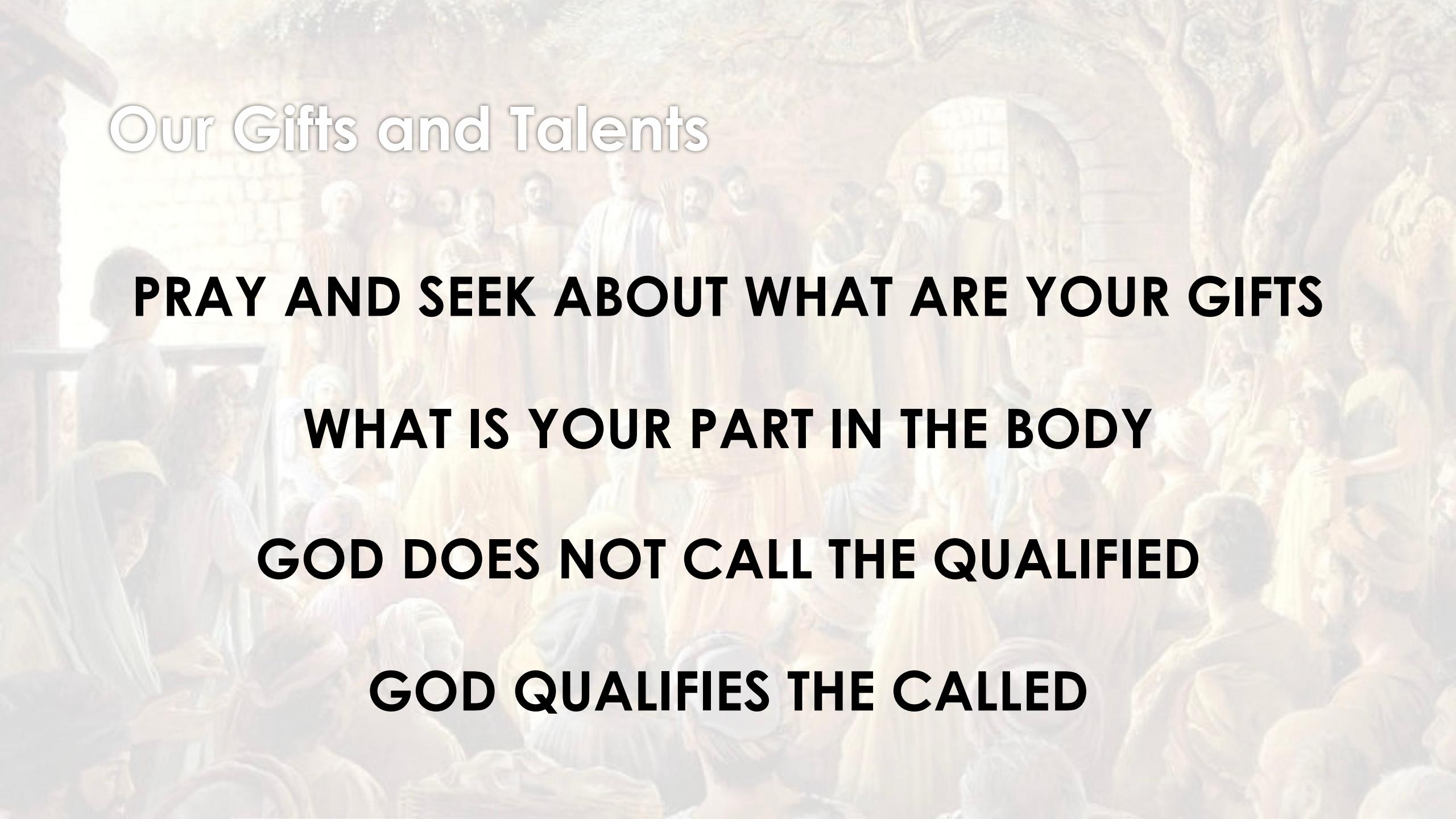


Our Gifts and Talents

OUR GREATEST GIFT IS THE GIFT OF LOVE

WHAT WORKED FOR ACTS 2:41-47

STILL WORKS 2,000 YEARS LATER!



Our Gifts and Talents

PRAY AND SEEK ABOUT WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS

WHAT IS YOUR PART IN THE BODY

GOD DOES NOT CALL THE QUALIFIED

GOD QUALIFIES THE CALLED

the Parable of the Talents



Matthew 25:14-30



Our Gifts and Talents

GOD EXPECTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS

WE ALL HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF TALENTS

DO WE USE OUR TALENTS?

DO WE BURY / HIDE OUR TALENTS?

Questions

Q/A