



Pointes to Ponder

We Need Each Other: A Paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 12:18-27

But now God has placed us members, each one of us, in the body at EastPointe Bible Church, just as He desired. If we were all one member, where would the body be? But now we are many members, but one body.

And the essential cannot say to the non-essential, "I have no need of you"; or again the needed to the unneeded, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, it is much truer that we members of EastPointe Bible Church which seem to be older are necessary; and those members of the body which we deem as having an underlying at-risk health condition, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our folks having no masks become much more welcome, whereas our mask-wearing members have no need of it.

But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which has been restricted, so that there may be no social distancing to the point of social isolation in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member is sheltered in place, all the members suffer with it; if one member is released back to normal life, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it as EastPointe Bible Church.

1 Thessalonians 4:9 Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

Reach out to those who are "non-essential," "sheltered in place," "socially distanced," "age 65 and older," and "who have an underlying at-risk health condition." They just might be feeling isolated. We need each other!

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