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Jesus Is the Head of the Church

Read: Colossians 1:18

Reflection Questions

Colossians 1:18 says that Jesus is “the head of the body, the church,” meaning He has authority and leads His people. What are some areas of your life where it can be difficult to let Jesus be “in charge,” and what would it look like to submit those areas to Him?

This verse teaches that Jesus should have first place in everything. How might your priorities change this week if you truly made Jesus the most important part of your decisions, relationships, and goals?

Memory Verse:
18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18

Action Step:
Each day this week, start your morning by asking: "Jesus, how can I put You first today?" Then choose one specific decision (big or small) where you intentionally follow what honors Him over convenience, popularity, or personal preference, and reflect briefly on the outcome at the end of the day.

Daily Prayer:
Lord Jesus, thank You that You are the head of the church and first in everything. Help us to recognize Your authority in our lives and to gladly follow Your leadership each day. Teach us to put You first in our thoughts, choices, and relationships. When other things try to take Your place, gently bring us back to You. In Your name we pray, amen.

Every Believer Is Part of the Body

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:14-18

Reflection Questions

1 Corinthians 12:14–18 teaches that every part of the body (and every believer) is important and has been placed by God with purpose. How might believing that you have a specific and needed role in God's church change the way you see yourself compared to others?

This passage shows that comparing ourselves to others can lead to misunderstanding God's design for us. What are some practical ways you can stop comparing yourself to others and instead focus on using the gifts God has given you?

Memory Verse:
14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.
1 Corinthians 12:14

Action Step:
This week, when you notice yourself comparing your abilities, appearance, or gifts to someone else, pause and remind yourself: “God made me on purpose, and I have a role in His body.” Then take one action that uses your own strengths to serve or encourage someone else without comparing.

Daily Prayer
Lord God, thank You for creating each of us with purpose and placing us in Your body exactly as You desire. Help us to value the role You have given us and to trust that we are needed in Your church. Free us from comparison and insecurity, and teach us to find joy in using our gifts to serve others. Unite us as one body that brings glory to You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

The Body Must Work Together

Read:Ephesians 4:16

Reflection Questions

Ephesians 4:16 teaches that the whole body grows and builds itself up when each part does its work in love. How do you think your actions—at school, home, or church—can help "build up" other people in your community of faith?

This verse emphasizes that every part of the body is important for unity and growth. What might change in your attitude or choices if you saw your role (even small or unseen things) as essential to helping others grow in Christ?

Memory Verse:
16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
Ephesians 4:16

Action Step:
This week, intentionally look for one way each day to "build up" someone else—through encouragement, help, or prayer. Before acting, pause and ask: "How can I strengthen someone else's faith or wellbeing today?" Then follow through, even in small or unseen ways.

Daily Prayer:
Lord Jesus, thank You for making us part of Your body and calling us to grow together in You. Help us to do our part faithfully and to build up those around us in love. Teach us to value unity and to serve others with humble and willing hearts. May our lives help strengthen Your church and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, amen.

The Church Teaches God's Word

Read: Ephesians 4:11-14

Reflection Questions

Ephesians 4:11–14 says that God gives leaders and teachers to help believers grow and become mature in their faith. How can being open to learning from church leaders, teachers, or mentors help you grow stronger in your relationship with Christ?

This passage teaches that maturity in faith helps us not be easily "tossed back and forth" by false ideas. What are some influences (friends, social media, culture) that might challenge your faith, and how can growing in God's Word help you stay grounded?

Memory Verse:

12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
Ephesians 4:12

Action Step:

This week, choose one trusted source of spiritual growth (a pastor, youth leader, Bible study, or devotional plan) and intentionally engage with it each day. As you learn, write down one truth from Scripture that helps you stay grounded in your faith and ask God to help you live it out.

Daily Prayer:

Lord God, thank You for giving us leaders and teachers to help us grow in our faith. Help us to be teachable and eager to learn Your truth so we can become mature followers of Christ. Protect us from confusion and false ideas, and anchor us in Your Word. Build us up together as one body that is strong in faith and united in love. In Jesus' name, amen.

The Church Encourages Community

Read: Hebrews 10:24-25

Reflection Questions

Hebrews 10:24–25 encourages believers not to give up meeting together, but to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. How does regularly being part of a church, youth group, or Christian community help you stay encouraged in your faith?

This passage warns against neglecting fellowship with other believers. What are some practical ways you can “spur on” or encourage other students in your church or school to grow in their relationship with Jesus?

Memory Verse:
25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:25

Action Step:
This week, make it a priority to intentionally connect with other believers at least once outside of a formal service (youth group, church, or small group). During that time, encourage at least one person with a specific word of affirmation, Scripture, or prayer, and ask God to help you build others up in their faith.

Daily Prayer:
Lord God, thank You for giving us a community of believers to walk with in our faith. Help us not to withdraw or isolate ourselves, but to stay connected and encouraged through fellowship. Teach us to build one another up in love and to spur each other on toward good works. Give us hearts that care for others and a desire to grow together in You. In Jesus' name, amen.

The Church Proclaims The Gospel

Read: Romans 10:14-15

Reflection Questions

Romans 10:14–15 teaches that people can't believe in Jesus unless someone shares the message with them. What are some everyday opportunities you have to share or show your faith to others, even in simple or natural ways?

This passage highlights the importance of being sent to tell others about Jesus. How might your mindset change if you saw yourself as someone God can use to help others hear about Him?

Memory Verse:

15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”
Romans 10:15

Action Step:

This week, pray each day: “Lord, show me one person who needs to hear or see Your love through me today.” Then act on at least one opportunity—through kindness, encouragement, or a simple conversation—that points someone toward Jesus.

Daily Prayer:

Lord God, thank You for the good news of Jesus Christ. Help us to see the importance of sharing this message with others. Give us courage, compassion, and wisdom to be Your witnesses in our schools, homes, and communities. Open doors for conversations about You and use our lives to point others to Your truth. In Jesus’ name, amen.

The Church Represents Christ to the World

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:20

Reflection Questions

2 Corinthians 5:20 says believers are “ambassadors for Christ,” representing Him to the world. What does it mean for you personally to represent Jesus in your school, friendships, and online life?

This verse says God is making His appeal through us. How might your attitude or behavior change if you remembered that others may form their understanding of Jesus based on how you live?

Memory Verse:
20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20

Action Step:
This week, each day, intentionally act as an "ambassador for Christ" in one specific situation—choose words or actions that reflect Jesus' character (kindness, honesty, humility, or encouragement). At the end of the day, briefly reflect on how your actions may have represented Him to others.

Daily Prayer:
Lord God, thank You for calling us to be ambassadors for Christ. Help us to represent You well in everything we do. Give us wisdom in our words, kindness in our actions, and humility in our hearts so that others can see Jesus through us. Use our lives to share Your love and truth with the world around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

To wrap it up, remember to:

- **Be the Church, not just an attender.**
- **Grow in your faith through community and serving.**
- **Live on mission by sharing Jesus with others.**
- **Remember, all of Jesus for all the world starts with all of Jesus for all of YOUR world!**