

4.3 Grow as One Body

Bible Verse: So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. – Romans 12:5

Proclaim: *Forgive and encourage one another, so that others may see we are the Lord's family.*

Truth: Just as a body has different parts, the members of Jesus Christ's church are different. And if a member suffers, the rest also suffer. If a member attains glory, the rest will share the joy. Hence, we must help one another and grow together.

Main Lesson Points:

- **The Church is God's body** – Eph 2:19-22, 4:15-16
- **Each part has different functions** – 1 Cor 12:12-25
- **God wants us to love one another** – Eph 4:32, Mat 18:21-22, 1 Cor 12:26
- **The oneness of our purpose** – Rom 15:5-6

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Interesting Questions:

(Choose 1 or more to discuss)

- **Why is group unity and cooperation important?**
- **How is God's family stronger because of oneness in the church?**
- **In actual practice, how can we live in unity with others?**
(Ephesians 4: 31, 32)

Growth Even in Hardship:

It's easy to thrive when everything is going well. But it's struggle and hardship that actually encourages growth. Friendships can become stronger, families can learn how to depend upon each other more and we can grow and in turn help all our brothers and sisters grow in the knowledge of God's Word. In this way, we will be able to put aside our own goals and pursue God's eternal goals.

Act: No matter where you are in life, God has a plan for you. Put your talents to use for God today by doing your very best at whatever you are doing.

Think:

What do you think your role is in the Church?

Pray:

Use the space below to write a prayer of gratitude to God thanking Him for gracious gift of membership to His Church:
