

Grand Opening: Linking Arms
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I. A church must _____.

1 Corinthians 12:18-21

But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it! How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." (NLT)

II. _____ in our _____ to Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 3:12-13

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. (NLT)

Hebrews 10:25

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (NLT)

III. Fulfilling our vision _____.

A. The _____ of Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NLT)

B. Continuing the _____ for Coastal Community Church.

C. You are a part of what God is doing in His church.

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SERMON QUESTIONS

The COMMUNITY

1. Share a memory of your first visit to Coastal.
2. What impacted you from this Sunday's worship, sermon, or study?

Into the WORD

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology, and desiringgod.org/articles/all

1. Read 1st Corinthians 12 in its entirety.
2. What is the Apostle Paul's purpose for the book of 1st Corinthians?
3. What is the Apostle Paul's purpose for chapter 12 of 1st Corinthians?
4. Using 1st Corinthians 12; Hebrews 3:12-14; Hebrews 10:25; and Matthew 28:18-20, what is God's plan for His Church and why?

The APPLICATION

1. What do you believe is your role at Coastal? If you are new to Coastal, where would you like to find your fit?
2. How are you responding to Jesus' authority in your life?
3. What encourages you most in knowing that we are serving God together as a body of believers?