

Changes Take Community
I Corinthians 12:12-31

I. We are a diverse community in Christ. I Corinthians 12:12-13

A. Diverse communities of faith can lead to great change. (12)

- 1. Diverse church communities must understand their identity in Christ.**
- 2. Diverse church communities are a reflection of Christ's image.**
- 3. This diverse body is a family.**

B. Diverse communities of faith are led by the Holy Spirit. (13)

- 1. The Spirit brings about change.**
- 2. The Spirit brings down the dividing walls.**

II. We are a dependent community in Christ. I Corinthians 12:14-26

A. No role in the community is inferior. (14-20)

- 1. The unseen parts of the community are valuable. (14-17)**
- 2. God designed the body His way. (18-20)**

B. Each one's role in the community is to value one other. (21-26)

- 1. Our purpose as a community is to edify one another. (21-24)**
- 2. Our purpose is to care for one another. (25,26)**

III. We are a collaborative community in Christ. I Corinthians 12:27-31

A. We are part of the whole. (27)

B. We are called to work together as positioned people. (28-30)

C. We are called to live a more excellent way. (31)

Conclusion

- 1. Change comes by understanding our identity as a community.**
- 2. Change comes by valuing one another as a community.**
- 3. Change comes when we work together as a community.**