

# **NO CHURCH WITHOUT U**

## **Key scripture: Eph 4:16**

Just as it takes every ligament to hold a physical body together, it takes each member in the body of Christ to do their part in order for the church to be strong and hold together. When each part functions, the body grows and stays strong. When a part of the physical body fails to function or is cut, the body is no longer complete, therefore cannot operate the same as a body that has all working parts. The same goes with the body of Christ. When a member of the body of Christ decides he/she is no longer needed or wants to operate independently, growth of the body is stunted.

The body of Christ is made of individual Christians who are diverse in tastes, appearance, and gifts. The great thing about God's church is that unity does not demand uniformity. Consider the twelve men Jesus chose for His earthly ministry. Could it have been a more diverse group? What was Jesus teaching us in His choice of these various persons; impulsive fishermen, despised tax collectors, political zealots?

YOU are unique and important and your church needs YOU!

## **Discussion Points**

1. Why does your church need you? *Matthew 25:14-30, 1 Sam 2:18,26, Rom 12:5-8, Luke 6:38, Luke 12:48*
2. What are the benefits of serving God in your church? *Exodus 23:25-26, 1 Pet 4:10-11, Matthew 25:40, Eph 3:20*
3. What are the barriers to service? *Luke 9:59-62, Ecc 11:4, Matthew 6:1*
4. How can you be of more benefit to your church?