

# WE BELONG

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FOLLOWING JESUS IN COMMUNITY  
1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-27

Interdependent: Mutually dependent. Dependent on each other. (not: dependent or independent ???)

Allan showed wonderful graphics of “people gathered” to represent 1. The heart 2. Australia 3. A huge Peace sign.

We are, as interdependent followers of God, together with countless others, to present the Face of God to the world today.

Q 1. Do we agree? Do we really see ourselves, and do we live as interdependent, or independent, or dependent.

Q2. How is our interdependency reflected in our relationships, a.) within New Hope Church, b.) with our Melbourne or Australian community or, c.) globally? How do we see others who, with us, are challenged to present this same reality of the Face of God to the world?

Or ... are we just a crowd of individuals, or a group that finds it difficult to cross denominational distinctives, or remain globally uninvolved or uncaring? In other words, is this truth or simply something we endorse in mind only?

Then, to answer Allan’s questions:

Q1. Who are we ... individually and corporately ... and what do we bring to the body? To use the “body” example of our passage, are we an ear, a nose, an eye ... or a part “less honourable?” How then do we relate to the other parts?

Q2. In the advise to Timothy to “stir up” the gifts within, are there gifts within us that seem to have been used more in days past and therefore need to be “stirred up?” Is this real?

Q3. List some “divisions within the body” (12:25) that we recognise and that need to be dealt with?

Q4. We have the Holy Spirit within, but do we really release ourselves to Him, individually and in community, to empower us to be presented as the face of god to the world? Really?