

## Fellowship Group Questions for *Being the Body of Christ*

1. (Optional Community Builder) What is the most enjoyable thing that you have done in the past month?
2. Read Eph 1:23. What does it mean that the church is the body of Christ?
  - Because Jesus is no longer physically on earth, the church is the visual and physical representation of Jesus to the world.
3. When people saw and heard Jesus what did they observe and what were some of their reactions?
  - People observed love, grace, wisdom, passion, power, glory, compassion, sorrow, patience, courage, etc when they saw Jesus. The most common reaction to Jesus was awe or marvel or amazement. But the religious leaders responded with persecution, hate and anger. The disciples followed and learned.
4. If the church is the body of Christ and we are supposed to represent Jesus, what should people see and hear when they observe us? What reactions should we expect if we are representing Jesus accurately?
  - People should observe all of the things that are listed above! And we should expect that they will react to us in many of the same ways that they reacted to Jesus. Amazement, confusion, interest, anger, hate are all things we can rightly expect.
5. How do you practically represent Jesus in your workplace? In your family? Give some examples of what this looks like.
6. Read Romans 1:8. The faith of the Roman church was talked about everywhere. How do we as a church body display our faith that vividly on Molokai? What does it look like to represent Jesus as MBC?
7. Read Matt 25:31-39. According to Col 1:18, Jesus is the head of the body. What does it mean that Jesus is the head and how do we faithfully serve Him?
  - Jesus is the head of the body because He gives the commands. The brain controls and leads the physical body in all of it's functions, and in the same way Jesus should be the central command of the Church body. According to Matt 25, we serve the head by serving the rest of the body. When we serve others in obedience to the head, we are actually serving the head. We are serving Jesus himself when we take care of His body!
8. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15. What are the aspects of corporate fellowship that Paul urges us to engage in?
  - Warn those who have gone astray
  - Comfort those who are discouraged
  - Support those who are weak or hurting
  - Be Patient with everyone
  - Discourage retaliation for wrongdoing or hurtful action
  - Pursue what is good for everyone
9. How has home fellowship groups helped you engage in the corporate acts of fellowship listed in 1 Thes 5:14-15?
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