

Bible Study

I Will – Lesson 23

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I WILL SHARE THE INVITATION FROM THE CHURCH

I Corinthians 12: 22-27

All around us we see lives collapsing with broken hearts and broken homes and broken hopes—with shattered minds and shattered emotions and shattered bodies. What has gone wrong? The foundation on which the majority of people are building their lives is cracked and flawed. The Bible tells us there is only one foundation for individual or national life that will last, regardless of the crisis or pressure, and it is the foundation of Jesus Christ.

The Church is the cornerstone for Jesus Christ. We should invite people to come to church because we are concerned about their emotional, social, physical, intellectual and spiritual needs. God saves us and calls us to minister and serve others. We should forget selfish concerns and start aggressively trying to help others so that we can make a difference in the world. Church members should be motivated by the Spirit of God to bless others. We can minister to the weak, wounded and weary. The Church has the answer in Jesus Christ.

Let me share with you three reasons why there is an Invitation from the Church to receive the transformed life. We invite people to church for the following reasons:

- I. The Church is a Place of Edification.
 - A. Declare that Jesus is Lord
 - B. Decide that Jesus gives life
- II. The Church is a Place of Equipping.
 - A. Honor the diversity in the body of Christ (individualism)
 - B. Honor the divinity in the body of Christ (community involvement)
- III. The Church is a Place of Encouragement.
 - A. Encourage the struggling
 - B. Encourage the striving