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“God ... is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:9 NLT

God has “invited” us into partnership with Jesus! God extends an invitation to a flawed people to do the flawless work of His Son, Jesus! Doesn't make a lot of sense, but this is the Body of Christ that the world gets - an imperfect “Jesus” in a disastrous world.

However, there are two things that we need to grasp before the study unfolds about this “broken Body of Christ”:

- a. We are not alone in this impossible/miraculous task that is ours!
- b. Ownership is vital!

WE ARE NOT ALONE – JOHN 14:15-21 NIV

1. We have been given a gift that, outside the family of God nobody else has or recognizes. What is this gift and where does it come from?

2. What is the one condition that Jesus stipulates before the gift is given?

3. How did Jesus describe the level of accomplishments that His “Body” will do in His physical absence (Read **John 14:12-14**)?

4. In this same passage (**John 14:12-14**) Jesus opens up another connection that we believers have to accomplish the great works that He has prepared for us (v.13). What is that connection and how does it work?

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5. How do you think the Trinity is at work in this teaching?

BELIEVERS HAVE THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT WHEN WE ENGAGE THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS – 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-7.

Ownership is everything to a successful organization. This is no less the truth when we speak of the success of the church.

6. In verses 1-7 List how gifted individuals of the Holy Spirit effects the work of the Body of Christ:

7. When you read John 16:7-15 identify the powerful tools that the church has within each who serve:

8. Need wisdom to plug yourself into to this great work? Read James 1:5-8.

a. Where do you get this wisdom?

b. How do you ask for things like this?

c. What happens when you doubt?