The Church and the New Normal: Bible Study 1

Take up Position in the Body of Christ

Read the following Scriptures about the Body of Christ: 1 Cor12:12-31; Eph 3:6; Eph 4:15-16; Eph 5:23-24; Col 1:18+24 These passages speak of the Body of Christ. Some "body parts" seem more important than others but we are taught that all parts are important and each part has a purpose. Consider your position in your family, work environment, neighbourhood etc. What could your function and purpose be in the Body of Christ? Our function and position in the Body of Christ usually aligns with the gifts the Spirit equips us with. Read Romans 12:3-8 and make a list of the motivational gifts spoken of here. Which of these gifts do you possess? Read 1 Cor 12:1-11 and make notes of the manifestation gifts of the Holy Spirit. Which of these gifts have been manifested in your life? Based on the gifts bestowed on you and the sphere of individuals you have influence over, what could be three simple ways of shining light into spiritual darkness directly around you?

Prayer:

Father God, thank you for giving us everything we need to pierce the spiritual darkness in this world. Thank you that we are not of this world but that we are in it for a reason. We declare that You have all authority and power and You alone reign. We also thank You, that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, lives and breathes and moves in us for Your glory and purpose. Reveal to each of us our position and assignment within Your eternal Kingdom. Amen.