1. **Intro:** The phrase "The body of Christ" means _____.

    A. The Church is the body of Christ (Eph 1:22-23, Col 1:24), local churches specifically: (Romans 12, Eph 4, 1 Co 12).

        The church is a _____: Jesus traded _____ body for _____ one! (Acts 20:28, Eph 1:14).

        The church is a _____: (Eph 1:16-23)

        The church has a _____: (Eph 1:23, 3:9-11; 2 Co 5:20)

    B. Eph 1:17-19—We need eyes to see how incredible this really is.

2. **Ye are.....**

    A. Note the pleural pronoun:

    B. Our individual identities are wrapped up in our corporate identity.

        "'_____' is now a part of God's '_____', and '_____'". Romans 12:1 also—present your bodies (pleural) a living sacrifice (singular).

        The body of Christ is _____ identity.

    C. If we do not _____ it we will _____ it. (1 Co 11:17-34)

        1 Co 11: Communion usually focuses on our personal holiness…Our introspection tends to be our personal level of holiness. But that is not actually the context. Guilty of blood of Christ because not discerning that to be inconsiderate of your brother or sister in Christ is to mistreat God's purchased possession. Guilty of the blood and body of Christ! Judgment seems severe! Sick, weak, Died! Yeah.

3. **The body….**

    A. Note the singular Noun:

    B. One body: This is why the Bible and MBT focused on _____. Not 2 or a hundred bodies !

        A discerning church will _____ its brothers and sisters right…….

            Serve each other (1 Co 11:33-34, 12:7)

            Need each other (practically)—Why? Because we have a _____. (1 Co 12:18-25)

            Love each other (1 Co 13:4-7)

        ……..because the members _____each other right! How valuable something is depends on what it _____.

    (Acts 20:28). How valuable are the members of this church to you?

4. **Of Christ…**

    A. His _____, not mine or ours.

    B. His _____, not mine, or ours. This is the _____.

5. **And members in particular.**

    A. Each member _____! (1 Co 12)

    B. Each member must decide individually to discern the body of Christ and to buy in. (John 12:24-26).