

SERMON TOPIC: Zechariah and Elizabeth: Delays, Detours, and Disappointments

SERMON SUMMARY

The sermon emphasizes the importance of each member in the body of Christ, drawing parallels between the church and a Jiu Jitsu class. Just as every part of the human body is essential, every member of the church has a role to play. The pastor encourages the congregation to step out of their comfort zones, serve, and grow together as a community. The message also highlights the need for each person to reach out and teach others, fulfilling the Great Commission by making disciples and sharing the gospel.

1. Every member of the church is important and has a role to play.
2. Growth happens outside of our comfort zones.
3. Serving in the church helps us grow and look more like Christ.
4. Each one of us is called to reach out and make disciples.
5. Unity and love within the church body are essential for its health and growth.

KEY VERSES

1. **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**
2. **Hebrews 10:25**
3. **Ephesians 4:14-16**
4. **Matthew 28:18-20**
5. **2 Timothy 2:2**

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be a part of the body of Christ?
2. How can we ensure that new members feel welcomed and valued in our church community?
3. In what ways can stepping out of our comfort zones lead to spiritual growth?
4. Why is it important for each member to serve in the church?
5. How can we encourage each other to use our unique gifts for the benefit of the church?
6. What are some practical ways we can reach out to others and share the gospel?
7. How does serving in the church help us grow closer to Christ?
8. What role does accountability and discipleship play in our spiritual journey?

LIFE APPLICATION

This week, identify one area in the church where you can serve or one person you can reach out to and encourage. Take a step to get involved and make a difference.