



**welcome to
shofar
Christian church**



**This is What We
Do: Part 1**

Why Church?



C.S.S.S

- Church
- Small group
- Self
- Serve



God's people gathering

- (Act 5:42) And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.



**This is What We
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**Why Small
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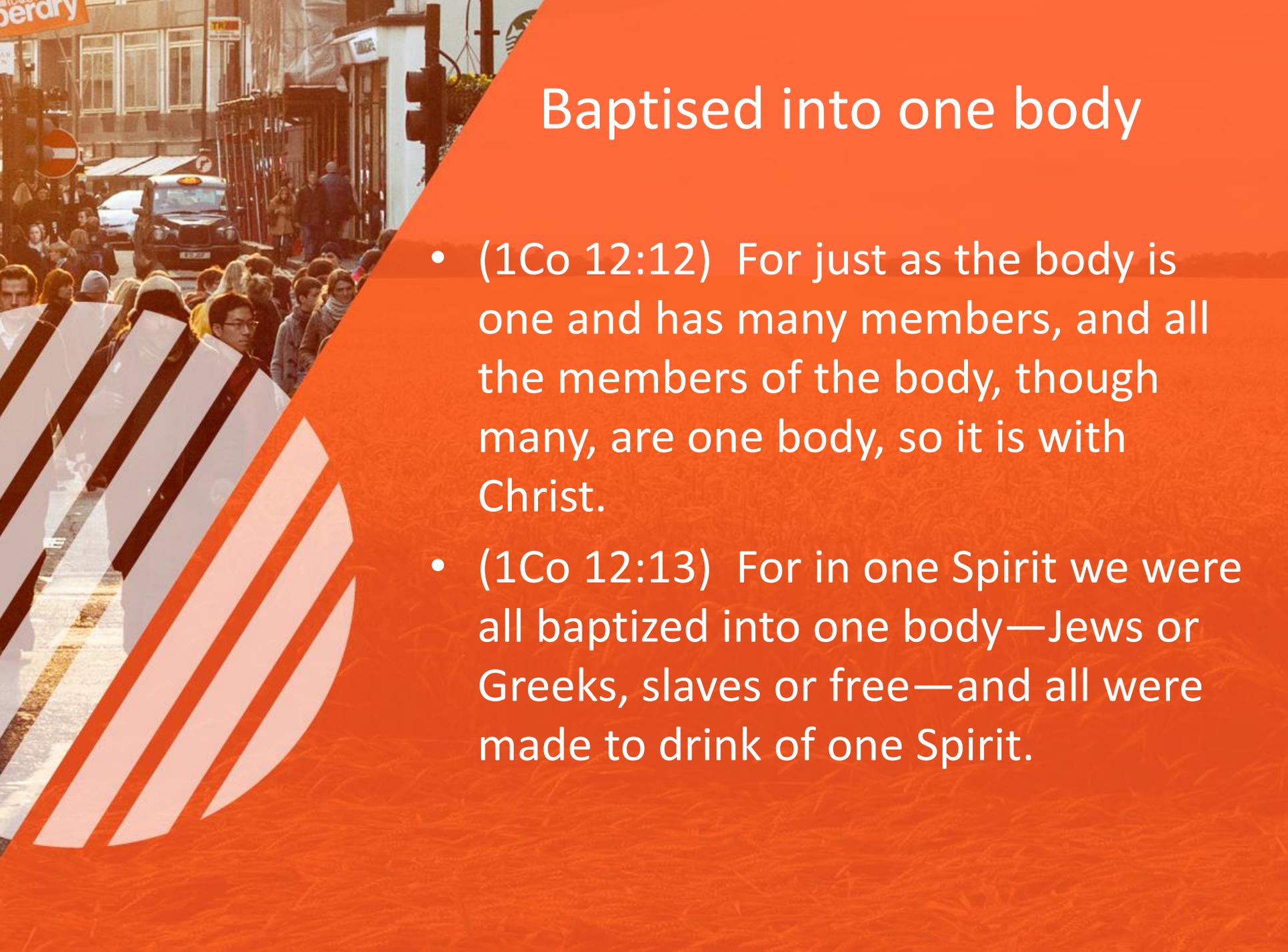
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Small Group: not an end in itself

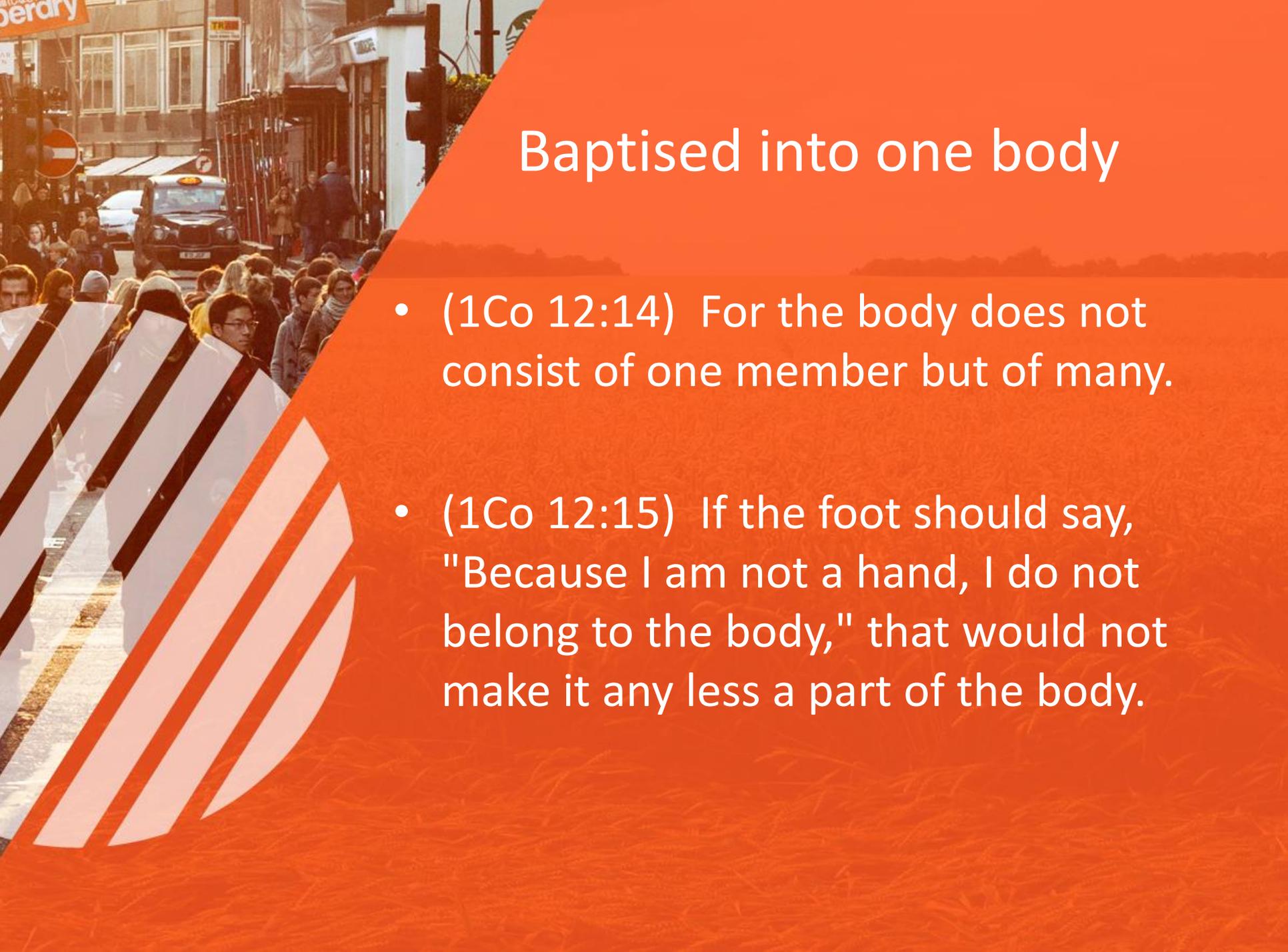
- Fellowship with believers.
- Growing together with believers.
- Loving other people.
- Sharing and receiving with others.
- Caring on a personal level

These are commands. Small group helps us to be faithful to the command of “fellowship”



Baptised into one body

- (1Co 12:12) For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
- (1Co 12:13) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.



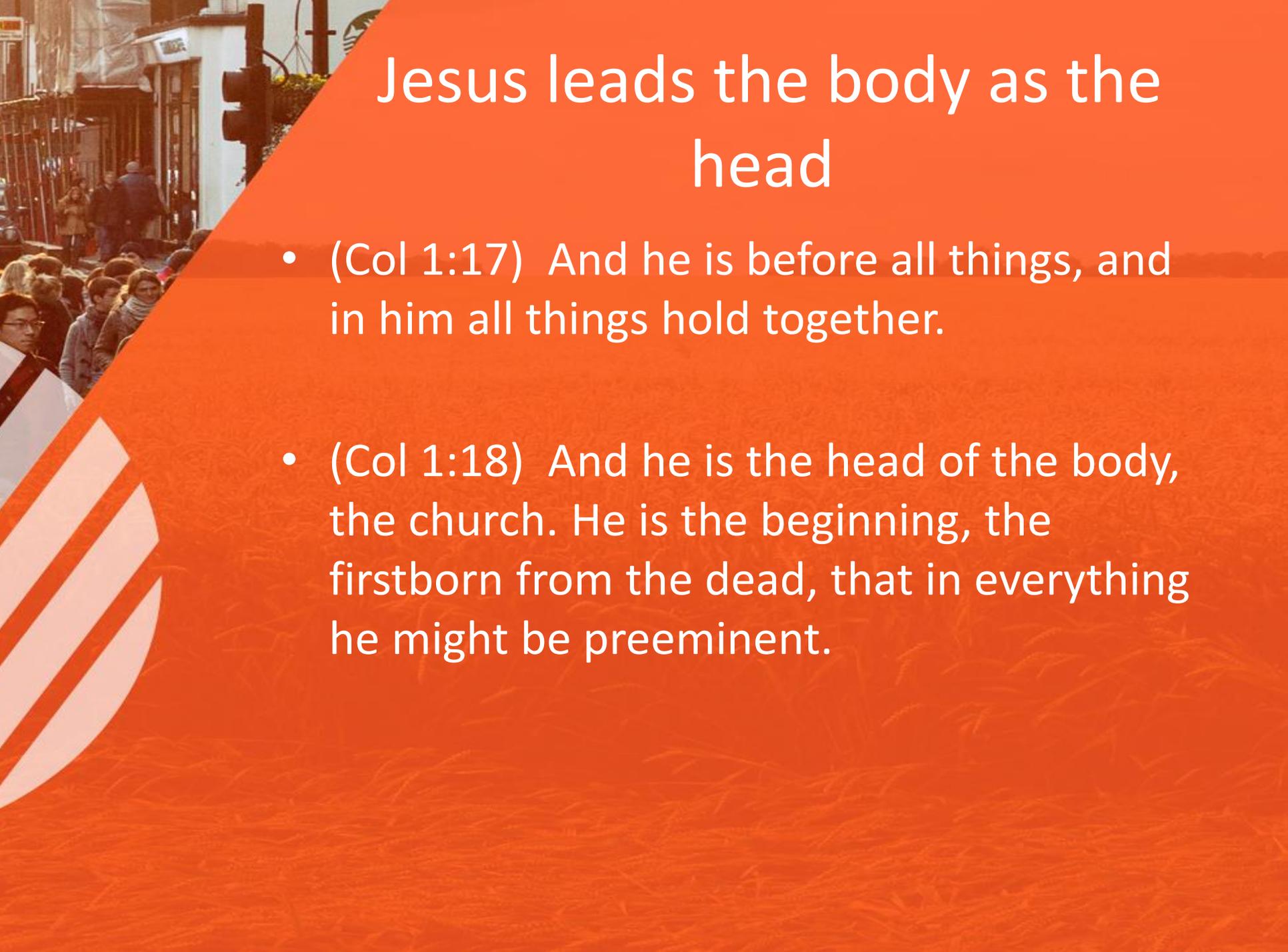
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- (1Co 12:14) For the body does not consist of one member but of many.
- (1Co 12:15) If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.



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- (1Co 12:13) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
- (1Co 12:27) Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



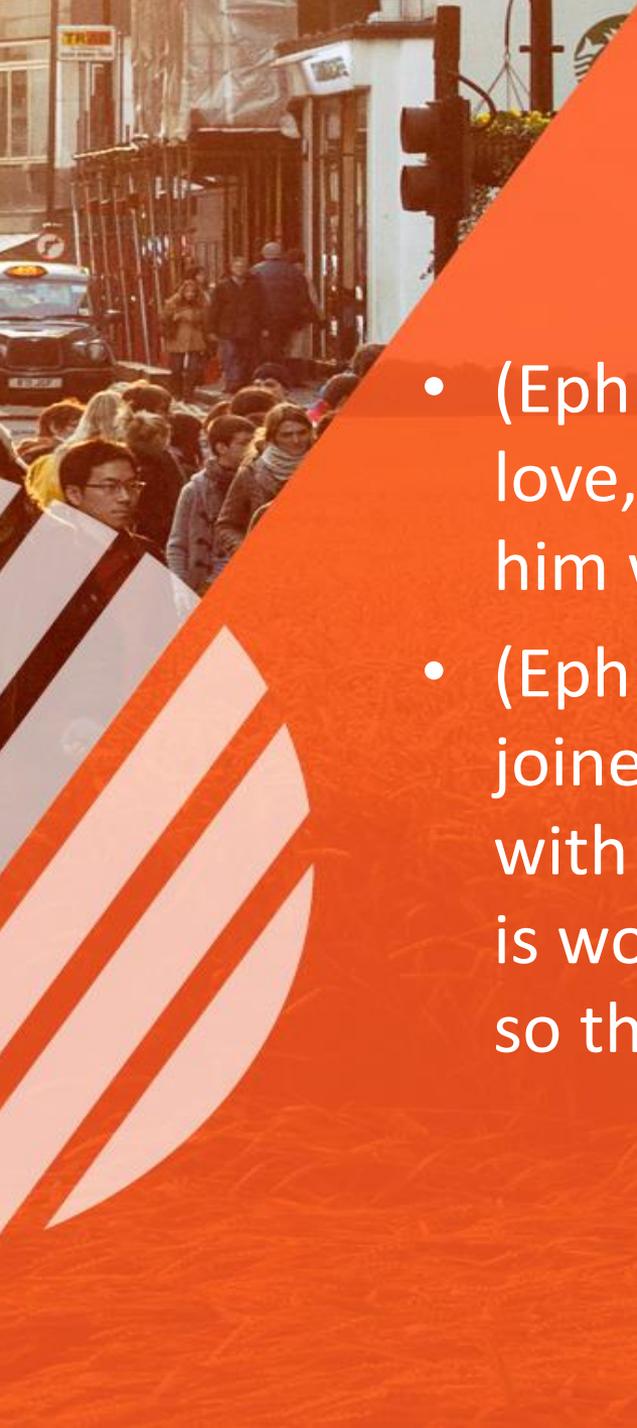
Jesus leads the body as the head

- (Col 1:17) And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- (Col 1:18) And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.



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You grow in the body

- (Eph 4:15) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
- (Eph 4:16) from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.



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- (Heb 10:24) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
- (Heb 10:25) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



- Unity is easy if you don't care about holiness. Holiness is quite easy if you don't care about community. It's doing the two of them together that's the real trick. (NT Wright). Let's face it. Unity is easy to achieve if you always compromise. Holiness is easy to achieve if you avoid those who disagree with you. But building a holy community that fosters unity is our actual calling. [#realchurch](#)



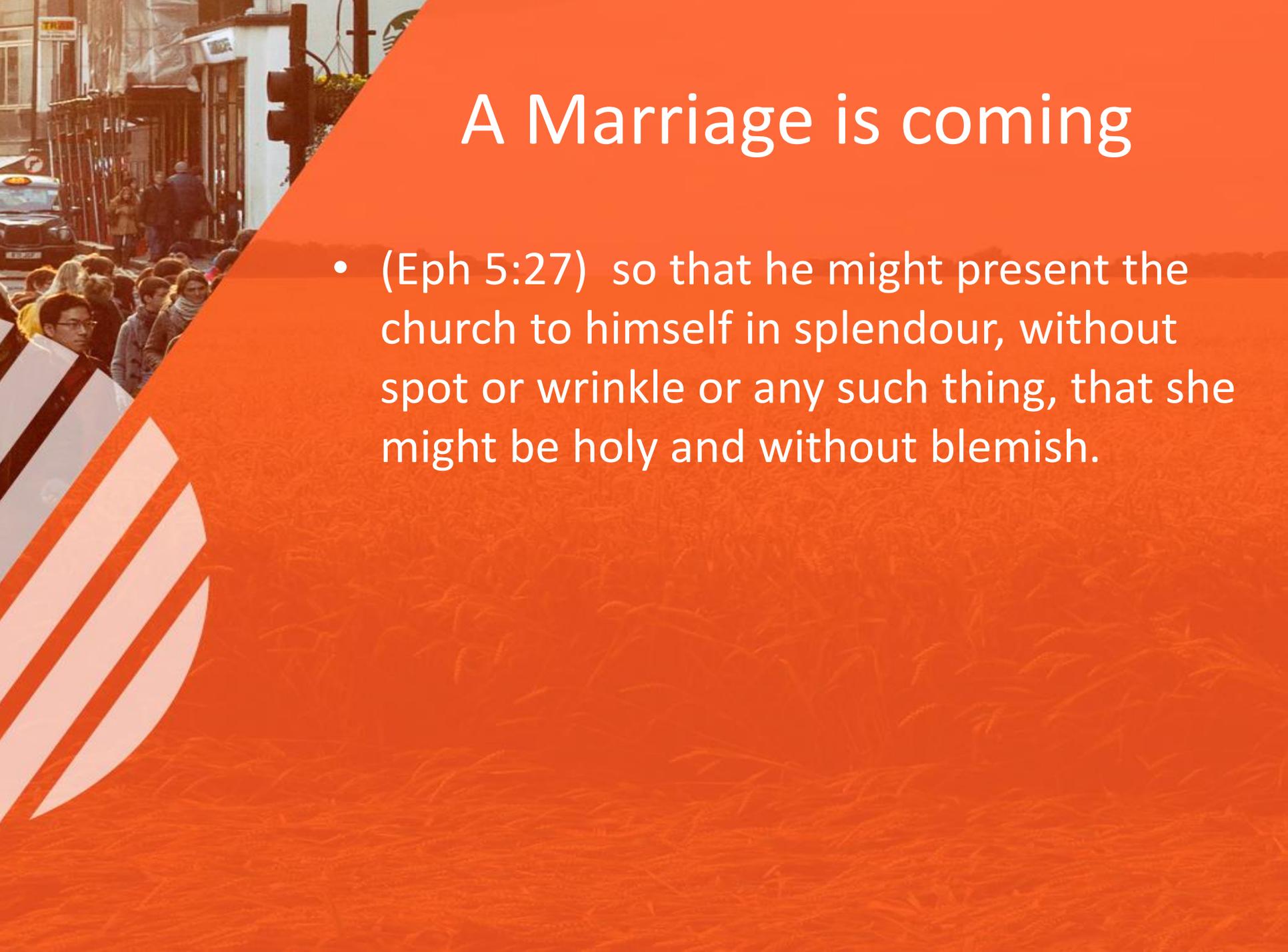
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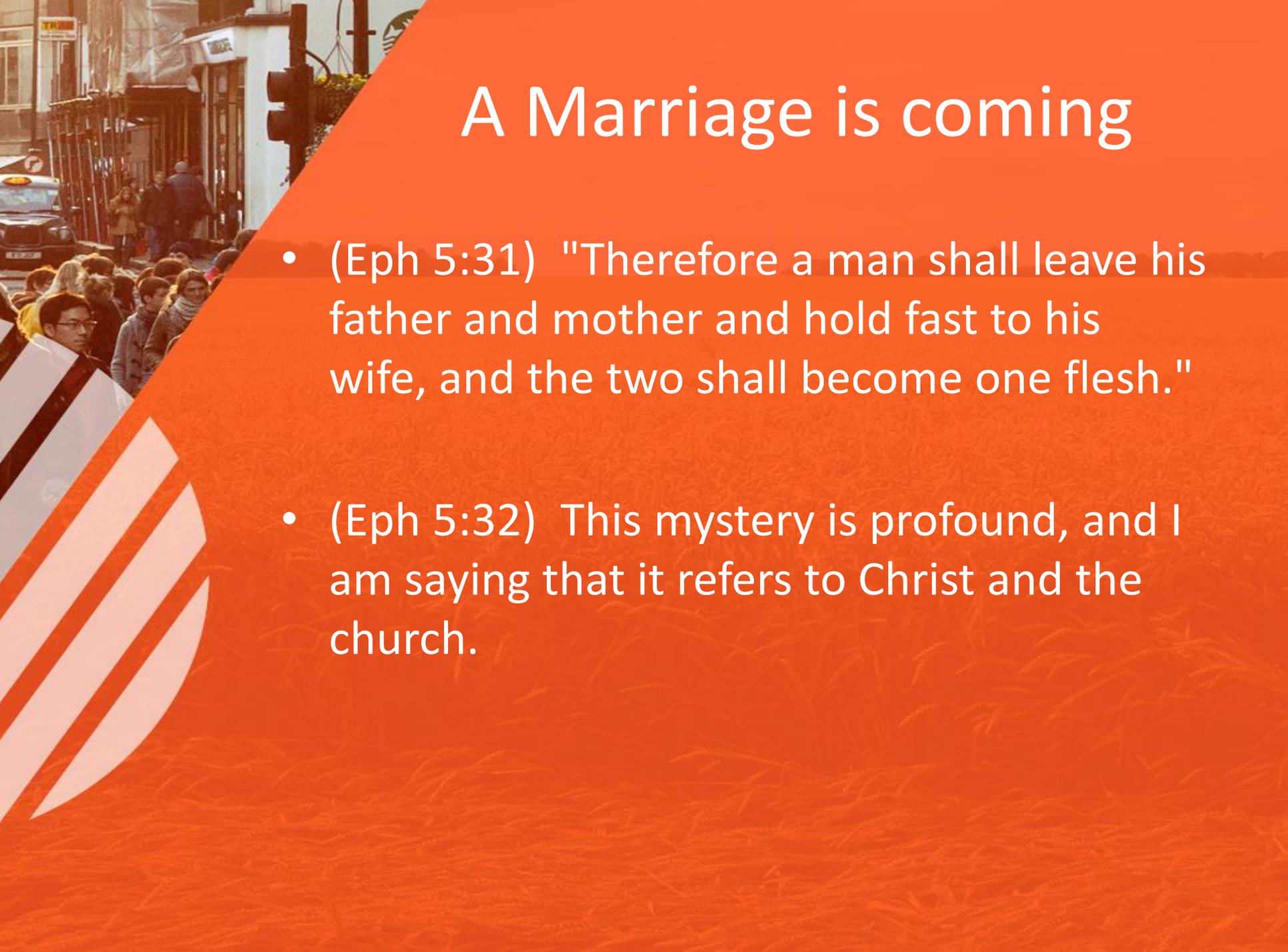
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- (Eph 5:25) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
- (Eph 5:26) that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,



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- (Eph 5:27) so that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.



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- (Rev 19:7) Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

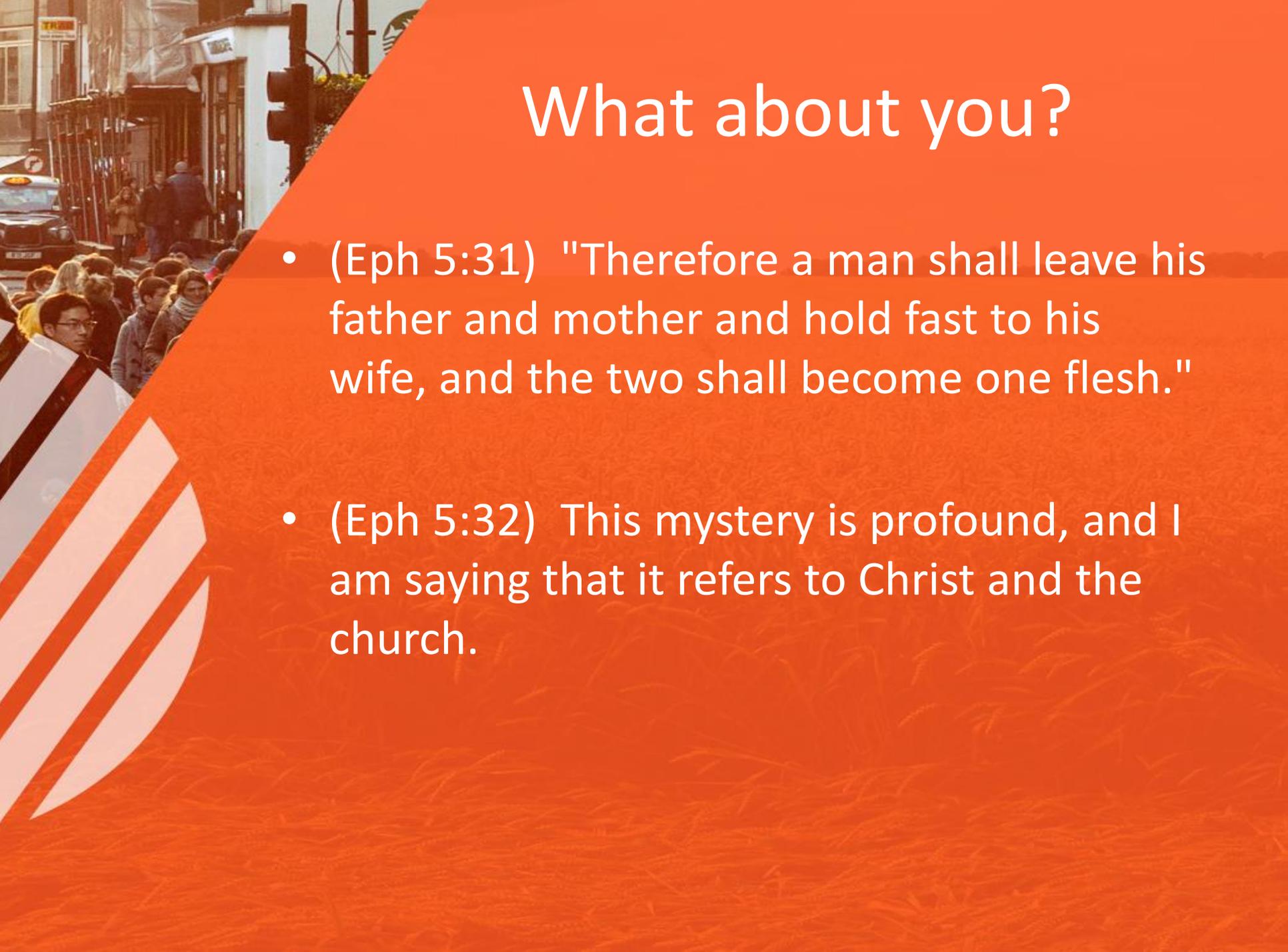


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- 2) When you follow Jesus, small group is a place where you grow with His body
- 3) When He comes, He will marry you as His bride, the body



- All the facets of love, life and the community of the believers, is addressed in the combination of the worship service on Sunday, and the small group gathering on Wednesday.



What about you?

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