



THE STATE OF THE CONGREGATION

"What this church needs in 2009..."

OPEN: *Go around the group and have everyone name one thing about this congregation for which they are thankful.*

DISCUSS: *"Looking back over the past year..."*

- What have you done to welcome any of our new members or encourage those who have been baptized this year? What might we do?
- What kind of legacy has been left by those who passed on this year? How will they be remembered?
- What ONE thing would you like to see our church do in 2009?
- Go around the group and have everyone name one ministry they are involved in at Washington Street that really excites them... something they are exceptionally passionate about.

DIG: read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- Why do you suppose Paul emphasizes the "oneness" of the church in vs. 12? What do you know about the church at Corinth that might have brought this on?
- Does this mean that we all have to agree on everything all of the time? If not, how should we approach our disagreements?
- How would you describe our "oneness" at Washington St?
- How many "parts" make up this "one" body according to Paul?

- Which part of the body are you? What part are you playing in the church?
- Are any parts unimportant?
- Have you ever thought about volunteering for a ministry, but didn't? Why didn't you? What held you back?
- Have you ever volunteered for a ministry and found that it wasn't your "gift"?
- What ministry might you be interested in serving in but have been too afraid to volunteer?

Finish this sentence: *What this church needs is... _____!*

PRAYER: *How can we pray for one another tonight?*