

Sermon Starter for Sunday, January 23, 2022  
I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Connected: that is what Paul reminds the Christian community in Corinth that they are. Being a follower of Christ is not a solo journey or private quest. Baptized into Christ, we belong to one another, as intimately connected as body parts and just as dependent on the unique things that each part of the body has and does. Grounded: that is what the readings from Nehemiah and Luke remind us. As we seek to follow Christ, we have maps and guideposts, treasures from our collective past that help guide us into the future. Just as Nehemiah reads the words of Moses (probably Deuteronomy) to re-establish life in Jerusalem, Jesus reaches back to Isaiah to inaugurate his mission and ministry. So today, we discern God's call by staying connected and grounded.

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