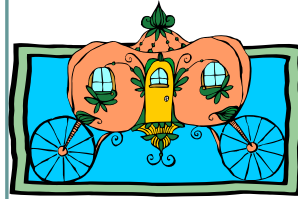


## All It Takes

5. What kind of church will it take?

1 Peter 2: 4-12

## Cinderella ....



...with amnesia!

## Remembering who we are!

1. The **BODY** of Christ
  - Many parts
  - All different
  - All working together
  - All with gifts from God
  - All mobilised for service



## Ephesians 4: 16

*“From Christ  
the whole body,  
joined and held together  
by every supporting ligament,  
grows and builds itself up in love,  
as each part does its work”.*

## Remembering who we are!

1. The **BODY** of Christ
2. The **TEMPLE** of the Holy Spirit.
  - We are the “sanctuary”!
  - The place where people meet God
  - God’s “mobile home”



## Painting a picture of Jesus?



...means.....

## Painting a picture of Jesus..

- **Knowing that we are loved by the Lord**
- **Loving God**
- **Loving each other**

## Remembering who we are!

1. **The BODY of Christ**
2. **The TEMPLE of the Holy Spirit.**
3. **A HOLY PRIESTHOOD**



## Priesthood in the New Testament

- Jesus as our great High Priest (Hebrews)
- Every christian as a “nation of priests”
  - Representing people to God
  - Speaking God’s truth back to them



## Priests/ ambassadors

### Qualifications:

1. Worship and language that reflects contemporary culture
2. People immersed in the world
3. Flexible and ready to change



## New Testament Leadership

- Any number of different structures
- Christ-centred: he is the “head”
- Plural: no one-man band
- Enabling: releasing all into service
- Mission-orientated: outward-looking

## Questions!

1. Are we all involved in serving and using our gifts?
2. Is our church family “painting a picture of Jesus”?
3. Are we making the link between the Lord and the world he died for?