

Jesus-Centered Family on Mission

Week 2: Belong Like Parts of a Body

Primary Passage: Romans 12:3-5

Related Passages: Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 18:15-20, Mark 10:43-45, 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

“Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this... What does this mean? It means, first, that a Christian needs others because of Jesus Christ. It means, second, that a Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ. It means, third, that in Jesus Christ we have been chosen from eternity, accepted in time, and united for eternity.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read and Recap: Have someone read **Romans 12:3-5** and recap the highlights from this week’s sermon.

- What factors contribute to you feeling a sense of belonging to a group, or feeling isolated from a group? Give examples.

Read Romans 12:3 and Mark 10:43-45. In what ways does community break down when an individual thinks of himself “more highly than he ought”?

- Where are you most tempted to think too highly of yourself? When are you most likely to put your needs above the needs of your community?

Reread Romans 12:4-5. In the sermon we mentioned four obstacles that can keep the church from being a united body: Consumerism, Conflict, Circumstances, and Condescension.

- Which of these obstacles is most likely to affect your interaction with church family? How so?
- How does the gospel empower you to overcome your obstacles and engage with church family? What steps of repentance do you need to take? How can we help?

Pray that the reality of belonging to each other through Jesus would settle deep into our souls and transform everything about how we approach each other. **Pray** that all of our LifeGroups would continue to actively confess and repent from any obstacles to our unity.