



BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF GOD

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RECAP

In this week's message, Russ continues our series talking about the importance of belonging to the family of God. In the message we were reminded that believing always leads to belonging, there is no such thing as a lone ranger Christian. However, our belonging is not just for our benefit but also for the benefit of others.

PRACTICES

At Church at the Grove we practice belonging through community groups and serve teams. How can your group be proactive in helping other people at the Grove connect this semester? What are some ways, and who are some people that you could invite to be a part of your group?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Connect

As a new semester of groups begins, what are you most hopeful for over the course of this next semester?

Check-In

Share one high and one low from last week.

Contemplate (Reflect on the Scripture)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. In this passage Paul compares the Church of Christ to the human body, there is one body but many parts, but all have a purpose. With this in mind, answer the following questions:

- In the Church today are there certain gifts that we elevate as more important than other gifts?
- Have you ever felt like you didn't have something to contribute as part of the body?

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Consider (How does this apply to your life?)

In the message Russ shared when parts of the body become disconnected it is creepy and strange (remember the glass jars of body parts). If you are a believer you have been given something that you can contribute.

- What role do you believe you have been called to play within the body of Christ? Or to say it another way, what spiritual gift do you have that can help grow and encourage the body? (For a complete list of spiritual gifts look at Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4) If you are unaware of what gift you may have, ask group members to share how they think you might be gifted. You can also take a spiritual gift test at www.churchatthegrove.com/become
- After identifying your gift(s), how are you using that gift to build and encourage the Church?

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Spend time praying over specific requests that your group may have, but also pray over the commitments that your group made from the section above.