

If you belong, you are responsible.

Romans 12:4-5

An incomplete list:

Forgiveness...you can't allow offense to break community.

Galatians 6:2

- Forgiving others is not justifying their actions.
- Forgiving others is not trusting the passage of time.
- Forgiving others is not denying that you are hurt.
- Forgiving others is not confronting them personally.

Forgiving is remember, release, recognize, reestablish, repeat.

Isaiah 1:18 | Matthew 18:32-35 | Romans 12:17-19; 8:28; 12:18 |
Matthew 6:14-15 | Colossians 3:13

Make room for those who may think differently than you.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Help someone else along the way.

Colossians 3:13 | 1 Peter 4:9

Allow God to examine and transform you.

2 Samuel 12 | Psalm 139:23-24

Welcome to the Spring Session of Life Groups! Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus and His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Have you ever been in a place where you didn't feel like you really belonged? What happened?

On a scale of 1-10, how important is it for you to belong? Why would belonging be so important that it's one of our core values?

What are some ways you can help someone belong? (at church, in your Life Group, etc.)

Connect to God's Story

Read Romans 12:4-5.

What is an encouragement you get from this passage about your part in the body of Jesus? How does thinking of our connection together as parts of a body help us understand the importance of belonging?

In this passage, who do we belong to? How does this help our unity as a church?

On Sunday, Jeff talked with us about the responsibility to forgive that comes with belonging to each other.

Read Ephesians 4:31-32.

What do you struggle most with following Jesus in being kind?

When living in community with each other, why is it important to be tenderhearted?

What do you struggle most with following Jesus in forgiving one another?

Paul tells us to get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, slander, and all types of evil behavior. Do you ever feel powerless or out of control over these things?

How can forgiving one another help you get rid of those things? What do you struggle most with following Jesus in forgiving one another?

Read Colossians 3:12-15.

What are some things from this passage that help you in your relationships with others?

Would living this way shine brightly in your day-to-day life? How attractive might this be for someone longing to belong?

“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”

- Romans 12:4-6 (NLT)

Together in prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer.

- ◆ Pray for people who are losing faith, in God, people, freedom, peace, basic goodness.
- ◆ Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- ◆ Pray for every opportunity we are presented as a church to do good and show grace and mercy.
- ◆ Pray for the city planning meeting approval of proposed renovations of our new building.
- ◆ Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- ◆ Pray for my next step in reaching the one I am praying for.
- ◆ Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.

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