

MY PEOPLE BELONG

Sermon Series : My People

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Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22

Romans 12:5 - We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 12:10 - Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Ephesians 2:19-22 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Four ingredients of belonging:

1. Fully Known and Fully Loved

Ephesians 2:19

Our strategy: The Park. The Coffee Shop. The Living Room

2. Wholly Pursuing and Holy Shaped

Eph 2:20

3. Personally Valued and Corporately Unified

Eph 2:21; 1 Cor 14:12; Neh 4:13-14, 17

4. Naturally Gathering and Supernaturally Dwelling

Ephesians 2:22

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to “belong”?
2. Evaluate yourself in light of the four ingredients of belonging.
 - a. For each one rate **yourself** 1-10 for how clearly this ingredient is present as you participate in Christian community. Why did you choose the number you chose? (If the number is low, what things can be done to help this
 - b. Collectively evaluate **your group**. How do you see these ingredients in your group. Brainstorm some things you can be done to help each ingredient be more fully present.
3. Read through Rom 12:4-13 and Eph 2:18-22. What do these passages say about what it means to be the church? What are the implications for how you live?