



HOW THE CHURCH IS A BODY,
NOT A BUILDING

CONNECTED

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Sunday, September 8, 2019

5. **We, the body of Christ, are to VALUE one another.**

6. **We, the body of Christ, are to CARE for one another.**

It's an exciting Sunday in the life of our church. It's an exciting season in the life of our church. As we lean into the Fall, we want to lean into one another. That's what our SOMA series is all about. SOMA is the greek word for "body" and that's who we are: the body of Christ. This month we're considering all that that means. Today, we look at how being the body of Christ means we're CONNECTED. . .

6 truths about our CONNECTEDness:

1. **We, the body of Christ, are being connected by GOD.**

2. **We, the body of Christ, are MANY, but ONE.**

3. **We, the body of Christ, are DIVERSE, but UNITED.**

4. **We, the body of Christ, NEED one another.**

5 Next Steps to live our CONNECTEDness:

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3.

4.

5.

NEXT WEEK:
GIFTED
Romans 12:3-13





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Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we live out our "body life" together. Most groups have been on break for the summer but are resuming throughout the month of September. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody together our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group interaction guide to help groups move in that direction.

Connecting Together

Be sure to take time to connect and share life together as you come together. Ways to do this include sharing highs/lows from the week, summer highlights, talking around a "get to know you" question, having one member share their life story in 10 minutes or . . . ?

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Here at Grace Central Coast, we're committed to NOT asking, "How did you like the message?", but rather, "How did you come under God's Word this week through the message?" So how did you? What was one personal takeaway from the message?
2. Family Focus Question: Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 together as a group. Growth Groups are where we live out our "body life" together. So how can your group live this text together in your care for one another? How can you share the ownership of your group by maximizing the that fact that you are "diverse" and "many"?

3. Servant Focus Question: Given the fact that we are a body, how can your group leverage our body-ness to serve together beyond your group in a creative way? Brainstorm and begin to pray!
4. Missionary Focus Question: Jesus said that the world will know we are Christians by our love. So how might God want to use the "body-ness" of your group to reach out to others beyond your group to bring them into the body of Christ?
5. We looked at 5 possible next steps to live our CONNECTEDness. Share which of the 5 steps you'll take this Fall.

Praying Together

Pray that your group will grow this year in your living out the family, servant and missionary roles. Pray for the deep and wide growth of the body of Christ at Grace Central Coast. Pray that we would show up and lean in this year together! Pray for the re-launch of 50+ Growth Groups across the month of September.

