



## THE ESSENTIALS [Resource Sheet]

**One Body:** Ephesians 2:19, 20\*

**You Belong**

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### Message NOTES:

I. Ever Been the Outsider?

II. The Passage: "Fellow Citizens...and Members" (2:19, 20)

1. Your Old Place (v. 19a)

2. His New Place (v. 19b)

3. Firmly in Place (v. 20)

III. Where Do You Want to Live?

\* From our Four Essentials Memory Verses booklet. Hope you will join us as we memorize God's word together!

### Growth Groups! [Questions to Get You Talking]

1. Have someone read or recite this week's memory verse(s), then take a few minutes to talk about what ideas stood out to you from Sunday's message.

2. If you look at Ephesians 2:19-22, and I Peter 2:4-12, you will find a number of similarities. Remember, I Peter 2:9 was our first *One Body* memory verse. Talk about the parallels between the two passages. How do they compliment each other in terms of painting a full picture of God's work among us?

3. In light of comparing those two passages, what practical encouragements do the writers give us, that is, how (or toward what lifestyle) did the original writers want to encourage their first readers?

### From Knowing to Showing

Do you feel like you belong to God's family? Take time to pray about what it means and what it looks like to belong. Ask God to help you identify any obstacles that keep you from closeness with His people. Choose a practical way to build connections with others in your church family, in light of the connections God has already made.

### Pointers for Parents

Ask your children, "When you hear the word *church*, what's the first thing that comes to your mind?" Take time to talk about their responses. They may surprise you. In light of this lesson, help them better understand God's plan for His people.

#### REMINDERS

\* Our **Growth Groups** are on a holiday hiatus! All groups, including our **Youth** Growth Group (grades 6-12), will resume in January.

\* Our **Christmas Family Service** is coming up a week from today on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Before the busyness and travel of Christmas weekend, come celebrate Christ with us. This is also a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, & neighbors! Invites are available in back.

\* Our **Youth Christmas Party**, is tonight from 6-8pm. Students should bring a gift to participate in our White Elephant gift exchange (something from home or only a few dollars, please).

\* God has given so generously to us. In response, let's give generously to God's work through this local church family. Your **tithes and offerings** may be placed in the offering box in back.