



THE ESSENTIALS [Resource Sheet]

One Body: Romans 12:4, 5*

Back to Basics

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Message NOTES:

I. If You Could Be Any Part

II. The Passage: "One Body in Christ" (12:4, 5)

1. Your Incarnate Identity (v. 5a)

2. Your Interdependent Identity (v. 5b)

3. Your Individual Identity (v. 4)

III. Decapitation Temptations

Growth Groups! [Questions to Get You Talking]

1. Take a few minutes to talk about what ideas stood out to you from Sunday's message, or what questions you might have after hearing it.

2. In three different passages, in three different letters, Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the Church. The most extensive is found in I Corinthians 12. Have someone read verses 12-27. What concern does the "foot" make in verse 15? How does Paul address this? What claim does the "eye" make in verse 21? How does Paul address this? Translate these into our church life.

3. What things inside us and in our culture fight against us living as God's people in this "body" dynamic?

From Knowing to Showing

Do you feel more like the "foot" (v. 15) or the "eye" (v. 21) in Paul's analogy? How are you most often tempted when it comes to being part of God's community? Take time to consider and acknowledge this. Prayerfully make a plan to step out in faith in a practical way to embody this "body" reality.

Pointers for Parents

Talking about the human body is a fun and easy way to help kids understand this aspect of our life as *One Body*. Talk with your kids and use key body parts to help them learn more about the reality of diversity and interdependence as a church family. Have them think about how they use their bodies, and how Christ uses His (us!).

REMINDERS

* Our **Growth Groups** are meeting this week! This, includes our **Youth** Growth Group (grades 6-12), which meets this evening at 6:00pm at the Way of Grace Ministry House.

* The Holiday Season is fast approaching and there is the opportunity to once again host a **Christmas Block Party** in your neighborhood. Talk to Pastor Bryce about getting involved or learning more.

* 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.

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