



THE ESSENTIALS [Resource Sheet]

One Lord: 1 Peter 2:9*

Who We are Together

September 11th, 2016

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Message NOTES:

I. Representing in Rio

II. The Passage: "Have You Not Heard?" (2:9)

1. Our Marks (2:9a)

2. Our Mission (2:9b)

3. Our Motive (2:9c)

III. From Sinai to Buckeye

Growth Groups! [Questions to Get You Talking]

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

2. Have someone read Acts 2:37-47. This passage talks about the Church. Of whom was that first church composed? What clues does the passage give us to confirm that these people had a wonderful understanding of "who we are together"?

3. What do you think of when you hear the word *church*? How are we often tempted to think about the church and our place in it?

From Knowing to Showing

If you had been part of the U.S. Olympic team, how would your place in that group affect your attitude, efforts, schedule, etc. in Rio? Talk about some ways in which your place in God's group, the Church, should be equally influential.

Pointers for Parents

Using the Olympic analogy from Sunday's message and the question above, get your kids talking about how it would feel to be on that team and what it would mean to represent the U.S. on that world stage. Then ask, "Is being on God's team even more important?" Talk about how the Church is God's team and how our identity together should affect our life together.

REMINDERS

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

* Our **Church Family Lunch** is taking place today, after our morning Gathering. We hope you will stay!

* Ladies, the **Cry Out** prayer event is taking place Friday, September 23rd from 6pm-9pm in the Sundance Elementary library. Experience the power and joy of corporate prayer as together we cry out to God to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish.

* God has given so generously to us, in both material and spiritual things. In response, let's give generously to God's work through this local church. 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!