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#BelongAtVC

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The Place You Belong
1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Do you know what it feels like to be an outsider? Do you know what it feels like to not belong?

I. You were made _____. (Gen 2)

Genesis 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for [Adam] the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

- God saw that it was good (1:4,10,12,18,21,25,31)

II. Belonging _____. (Gen 3)

III. God created _____ to Belong. (1 Cor. 12)

1 Cor. 12:12-13 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

You belong here:

A. _____ don't disqualify you.

1 Cor. 12:14-17 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

B. _____ doesn't disqualify you.

1 Cor. 12:18-21 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 But now there are many members, but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

C. _____ doesn't disqualify you.

1 Cor. 12:22-24 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; 23 and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, 24 whereas our more presentable members have no need of it...

God Created You to Belong

1 Cor. 12:24-25 ...But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, 25 so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Where/How do you belong to Christ? Where/How do you belong to the body of Christ?
2. What steps could you take to develop a deeper connection with Christ? What steps could you take to develop a deeper Christian community?
3. Who would Jesus want you to invite to be part of your Christian community? Your church? Your small group? A relationship with you and others?
4. Who would Jesus want you to invite to the worship and cookout next Sunday?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Todd about your relationship with Christ, please email pastortodd@thevineva.org to set up an appointment.