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WE ARE THE BODY - Invited into Community

Romans 12:3-21

MAIN THOUGHT: Each person is invited to step into the body of Christ. And when you step in, you discover three truths: you are *needed*, you are *loved*, and you are *sent*.

FIRST TRUTH: YOU ARE NEEDED (Romans 12:3-8)

SECOND TRUTH: YOU ARE LOVED (Romans 12:9-16)

THIRD TRUTH: YOU ARE SENT Romans 12:17-21

INVITATION TO BELONG

... in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice . . . Romans 12:1b (NIV)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote in his book <u>Life Together</u>: "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ."

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- 1. Ministry Showcase: Explore different ways you can step into community here at Northshore.
- 2. Wrestle with the truth we saw in Romans 12 that it all begins with mercy.
- 3. Reach out to a ministry leader about how you can get involved outside of Sunday mornings.

