CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes October 7, 2018

Keyverse

Now you (all) are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27

My Community

Find Your Fit series

We're relational beings that have this need to belong. That's why we not only need Jesus, but we also need the church. We need each other. Pastor Dan

1. What does it mean to *belong* to an organization? Share your experience as part of an entity other than the church. What does it mean to belong *to a family?* How are these the same? Different?

2. Which one—organization or family—most closely aligns with belonging to Hopevale Church? Explain.

3. New Testament writers use at least *seven* word pictures for the church, such as Jesus' body. Name a few others and note briefly what each word picture tells us about how the church should function.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. What do these verses teach specifically about how and why God connects us to one another? What are ways you experience and exemplify "the Body" at Hopevale?

   Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its parts form one body, so it is with Christ . . . . Now you all are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

5. Pastor Dan said that environments of community are what we provide for others and that experiences of community are what we pursue ourselves. What have you found really communicates welcome and acceptance to others in a Community Group or on Sunday mornings? What do we need to do to be open to the experience of community ourselves?