

New Creation Church

Small Group Guide

Week of Sep 27, 2026

This Is How We Live I belong

Key Takeaways

- We belong to God because Christ purchased us. We are not our own.
- Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. This changes how we see ourselves and how we live.
- God designed us to be interdependent members of one body. We need each other, and the body needs what we each bring.
- Belonging is active, not passive. It is more than attendance -- it is participation.
- God has qualified us to belong. We do not qualify ourselves.

Discussion Questions

1. Romans 12:5 says we are "individually members of one another." What does that phrase mean to you? How is that different from simply being members of the same group or organization?
2. Ephesians 4:16 tells us the body is nourished by what every joint supplies. What do you think happens to the body when a member is disconnected or absent? Have you ever experienced that -- either as the one who was absent or as someone who noticed another person's absence?
3. Colossians 1:12 says God has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints. How does knowing that God qualifies us -- not our own performance or consistency -- change the way you approach belonging to the body?
4. Hebrews 10:25 warns against forsaking the gathering of believers and says we are to stir one another up in love and good works. What are some honest reasons people pull back from gathering together? How can we as a group help address those barriers for one another?

Practical Applications

1. **Show up.** Make gathering together a priority. Treat it as belonging, not just attending.
2. **Connect.** Take a concrete step toward deeper connection -- join a small group, introduce yourself to someone new, or follow up with someone you have been meaning to reach out to.
3. **Be known.** Lower the walls a little. Let someone in. Learn one person's name this week and give someone else the opportunity to learn yours.
4. Ask two questions. Where is God calling me to belong more fully? And who can I help feel like they belong?

Prayer Focus

- We are thankful that we do not belong to ourselves.
- We have been purchased and have been placed in a body that needs us and that we need.
- We repent for the times we have held back, pulled away, or sat on the edges when God called us to belong.
- We ask for the courage to be known, the humility to receive from others, and the faithfulness to supply what God has placed in us for the sake of the body.

Ephesians 4:16 -The whole body is joined / held together, nourished by what every joint supplies.