

A TRUE CHRIST FOLLOWER MUST CONNECT

Romans 12:4-6

September 17/18, 2016



- Fill in the following blanks in the summary statement of this week's message:

The Christian life is never a _____ mission. By God's design we _____ each other!

- Read **Romans 12:1-3**. How would you summarize those verses in a single sentence? Do these first three verses have anything to do with verses 4-6?
- Explain this statement from the weekend message: *"We've never been more connected in human history, and yet we have never been more lonely at the same time."* Within what circumstances or events do you find this to be *most* true in your life?
- Look up the following passages. How does each describe Jesus and his relationship to his Church:

	Jesus is described as...	The Church is described as...
Colossians 1:18		
Revelation 19:6-10		
Hebrews 9:11-12		

Why is it important for us in the Church to see that these are deeply significant descriptions of significant relationships?

- Why do you think many believers prioritize things like belonging to teams, community groups, political parties, organizations, schools and clubs over belonging to a church? Are these things bad to be a part of? Why can it sometimes be easier to be connected in these communities over the church?

- Consider this statement: "I love Jesus but I can't stand going to churches." What do you think you'd say to someone who says this?
- Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**, and consider that this weekend we heard that church cannot be just once a week. From this passage, what is our responsibility to one another? How does that look like?
- Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**. We learned this weekend that when we struggle or even refuse to connect in the church, we are essentially telling ourselves at least one of the following lies:

- "I can do it on my own"
- "I don't want to encourage others"
- "I disagree with God's design"

On your weakest days, which of these lies do you struggle with the most in your heart? Why do you think that is?

- Is there somewhere specifically that God is calling you to, by faith, step into here at Harvest? Is there somewhere or something that God is calling to step away from outside the church?

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith...

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