

July 26
Exodus Members
Acts 2

Big Idea: Members of Exodus have been changed by Jesus and given a place in our community of faith.

Remember

Talk through the sermon from Sunday and the Big Idea.

Ask if anyone would like to share about their story with Jesus (you might recruit this person ahead of time).

Deepen/Transform

To be a member of Exodus, we must have been changed by Jesus.

- **Have your group discuss the gospel. Be ready to lead this discussion by pointing them to key points of the gospel (sin, repentance, faith, grace, atonement of sins).**
- **Open the group to questions about this.**

To be a member of Exodus, we want to continue to be changed by Jesus.

- For many, the gospel is something for other people. We believe that our only hope for growing in our walk with Jesus is to be continually changed by the power and presence of Jesus.
- Talk through the following passages with them: Phillipians 1:6; 2:12-13
- In other words, we want to be people who are growing in our walk with Jesus.

When we are a member of Exodus, God has given us a place in the community of faith.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

There is a transition from community to body in this metaphor, but the point is the same.

God has arranged his body - v. 18.

No part of the body is unimportant - v. 14-15.

There are two components to this truth:

Service: God has placed you in this body with an ability, gifts and passions to serve the community of Exodus.

- What are your gifts, abilities and passions?
- What would keep you from serving?
- Are there some areas of need at Exodus that would cause you to want to serve specifically.
- If there are any specific needs for service, let your group know this. Direct them to the Serve Website for more ways to serve.

Relationships: God has placed you in this body to care for and be cared for by the rest of the community of Exodus.

- Read v. 21-26. Focus on vv. 25-26.
- Part of being in a community of faith is that we are to care for and love one another. We treat each part of the body as important and special (v. 25). When one part of the body suffers, the rest of the body suffers.
- What keeps us from this kind of relational connection? Try to get to the pride issue of not wanting others to help.
- How does this need to flesh out in our community group?

Family Time

Talk with your family about the gospel. How is Jesus at work in your family?

Perhaps you need to get more connected in serving. How will your family serve at Exodus.

Perhaps you need to get more connected in relationships. Who can you get to know better in your Community Group? Is there someone who is suffering right now? How will you care for them as a part of the body?

Personal Study Time

Read the following passages looking specifically for gifts God has given to His church. How has he gifted you to serve? Are you exercising those gifts at Exodus? Journal your thoughts.

Romans 12:3-8

1 Corinthians 12:21-31

1 Peter 4:9-10