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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Belongers Sermon: "Belonging to the Body"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen







For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit tablelifechurch.org.

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What stood out to you the most from this message and from Ephesians 4? Do you agree with the early church's understanding that to belong to Christ means also belonging to his corporate body? Why or why not?
- 2. What are some common lies that prevent people from functioning in the Body? Which of these lies may be holding you back from connecting and serving in the Body?
- 3. If you have ever served in a Christian church, how did that impact your faith? In what ways did you grow? Why does being disconnected always impede growth?
- 4. The Apostle Paul alludes to the fact that being in the Body will require work on certain behaviors. Why is it important to set realistic expectations for fellow Belongers? How can kindness, compassion, and forgiveness help the Body stay healthy?
- 5. What specific instruction from Ephesians 4:22-32 is the Holy Spirit working on in you?
- 6. Is God calling you to become more connected and active in the body of Christ? What is one step you can take?

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Belongers "Newbies" Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever been amazed by the human body?

The Next Step of Being a Belonger:

•	In the first 3 chapters of Ephesians, Paul reminds us we belong to and who we are in him	
•	In the last 3 chapters of Ephesians, Paul describes how Belongers because of who we are and what Christ has given us	
•	Those from a background who didn't know the God of Abraham and weren't waiting for a messiah	
•	The Body of Christ is Jesus' second	
•	Therefore, the Body of Christ is the way by which interacts with the world	

Being the Body of Christ:

#1. To belong to Christ is to belong to

Ephesians 4:1-6 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

"you" in Ephesians 4 is always	
To live out our calling, we need	#3. To stay healthy, we
v.3 "keep the unity"—	listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. eir vill o is Paul wrote about these certain practices because
Unity doesn't mean	
In the New Testament, being a solo Christian is —————	
#2. We all have a part to play in	
Ephesians 4:11-16 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.	
Everybody has been given a	We do these things because
Gifts are used to	
When we use our gifts, we	
When we are not connected and do not use our gifts, we are spiritually	Big Idea: