



Belonging
Ministry Plan Sunday
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► Outline

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:27)

B. Benefits of Belonging to Brookwood: (Hebrews 10:25)

1. Encountering _____.

**(Psalm 34:3; John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1;
Colossians 3:16-17)**

**Communicating with God through Worship.
(17% of MP, \$1,335,782)**

2. Encouraging _____.

**(1 Corinthians 12:5-7; Ephesians 2:10; 4:11-12;
Hebrews 6:1)**

**Connecting with Christians through Discipleship and
Recreation. (35% of MP, \$2,634,001)**

3. Enduring _____.

**(Galatians 6:2; Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1
Peter 3:8)**

**Caring for others at Brookwood through Care and Serve.
(17% of MP, \$1,315,307)**

4. Extending the _____.

**(Mark 16:15-16; Acts 20:24; Romans 10:13-14;
1 Peter 3:15-16)**

**Caring for others in our community and the world through
Outreach. (31% of MP, \$2,393,708)**

Total Proposed 2022-2023 Ministry Plan: \$7,678,798

Answers: 1. God 2. growth 3. difficulties 4. Gospel

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Who was your best friend growing up? Reflect on a memory (or share in your group).

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Romans 12:1-13.

Because of God's incredible grace and mercy, as described in Romans chapters 1-11, Paul exhorts us to give our bodies as a *living and holy sacrifice* to Him (Romans 12:1). This refers to the Old Testament practice of sacrificing a valuable, blemish-free animal, showing that all you had belongs to God. Romans chapters 12-16, then, describes what it looks like to live for Christ with all we are and all we have. May this week's study help you encounter God in new and beautiful ways that lead you to a more wholehearted devotion to Him.

1. One of the ways to live for God is by refusing to copy *the behavior and customs of this world* (vs. 2). What are examples of ungodly attitudes and actions you see in the world today? How about in your own life?
2. How has God been transforming you (changing who you are on the inside)? What impact has this had on the way you think and live?
3. Followers of Christ *all belong to each other* (vs. 3-6). We fit together like *parts of one body*. Name times you've felt a sense of belonging at Brookwood. How can you encourage someone who feels like they're on the outside?
4. What are ways you're struggling that you wish someone knew about?
5. What unique passions and gifts has God given you? How can you use (or continue using) those in helping Brookwood thrive as a local church?

6. Think of someone who's going through a difficult time. What are practical ways you can *really love them* (vs. 9-10)?
7. Salvation is often called *The Great Exchange* – we give our broken, sinful lives to God and, in exchange, He gives us new life (2 Corinthians 5:21). This is the Gospel! How have you experienced this good news? Who has God put in your life that needs to hear this good news? Pray for them and ask God to give you an opportunity to share who Jesus is and ways He's changed your life.
8. What do you think God is saying to you through your study of Romans 12:1-13?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these practices become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Reflect on your relationship with Brookwood. Ask God to give you clarity on your unique role. Make it a regular practice to pray for Brookwood, that God would help us experience Him and make us a more unified body that has a consuming compassion for people who are lost and hurting.

Memory Verse

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Psalm 34:3 | Day 4: Galatians 6:2 |
| Day 2: Colossians 3:12-17 | Day 5: 1 Peter 3:15-16 |
| Day 3: Ephesians 4:11-16 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 18, we'll begin a new series titled *Spiritual Warfare*. To prepare, read **Ephesians 6:10-14**.



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