

“LIVING AS EASTER PEOPLE”
“One Body”

Today we will finish our short series, “Living as Easter People.” We are each called to a different purpose, and have been instructed to remain “worthy of our calling.” This is a tall order, but one very much worth pursuit. This week we will explore our differing roles, what makes us different, and what it is we share as part of the whole.

Things I’d like to remember from today’s sermon: **“One Body”**

Prayer for the Week

Loving God, it is in your mercy we spend so much of our time, and in you shadow we hide from our shame. It is in your grace we find hope. Give us peace in who we are, strengthening our virtue and dulling our vice. Show your greatness in the small things so we might make our smallness great in your name. Pour your Spirit on us so we might grow together, live together, and love together. Amen.

This week’s sermon may be viewed at <http://sundaystreams.com/go/firstwichita>

Study Guide

Monday, 6/26/17 1 Samuel 17

Read the story of David and Goliath. God uses David for a very specific purpose according to David's ability, attitude, and dedication to God. Though he doesn't fit the profile for what his peers expected, David was exactly who God called. Continue reading David's story, and it is discovered those skills would be stretched and challenged. David himself also proves to be less than perfect. What does God's using David say about how we may be called into God's service?

Tuesday, 6/27/17 Matthew 4:18-22

In Matthew we read another story of the unsuspected being called into God's close service. Some of us have read this story so often it has become expected. Instead of fisherman being "working class" and out of consideration, we may now assume fisherman is the trade of future disciples! Try to imagine what it looks like to have some appear disqualified from God's service today. What is that job? Who is that person? Maybe it is you, claiming your position, skill set, or expertise takes you out of consideration for God's work.

Wednesday, 6/28/17 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Today's scripture sounds like a direct response to yesterday's question. How could an eye claim to not be part of the body? How could the gift of who you are not be part of God's whole? Give time today to think on your own life, who you are, and what you do. What are your gifts? If you firmly believed you were part of the God's Holy Body, how would it affect your decisions? What would you do?

Thursday, 6/29/17 Romans 12:3-8

If you took yesterday's challenge seriously, you may be floating on cloud nine and feeling full. You may begin to think yourself so special, others need to step out of your way as you walk. The Romans text today reminds us there is a balance between confidence and humility. Knowing we are called parts of a whole is a beautiful thing, but we must always remember to humble as we fulfill our role.

Friday, 6/30/17 Ephesians 4:1-16

To close the week, reread the text from Ephesians we shared in worship on Sunday. There is call to be worthy and to grow in this text. Moving through this study guide is one way to pursue that growth. What are other ways we can grow with one another? How can we speak truth in love to one another for the purpose of growing? It takes solid relationships to grow together. This weekend, try to make a connection with someone from your faith community. Give them a call, send a text, or make a point to visit with them when you see them in worship. Grow together in love for Jesus Christ.