

# MARINERS CHURCH



**Why Us?**  
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God's unchanging plan from the very beginning of time has always been to adopt us to into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:5

Christ loves His church and gave his life for it. Ephesians 5:25

## **I learn my true identity because I am in God's family.**

God puts the lonely into families. Psalm 68:6

You are members of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7

## **I discover my unique value because I am in Christ's body.**

You are Christ's body and each of you is an individual part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Romans 12:4-5

If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an



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eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything. But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. 1 Corinthians 12:15-18

## **I find my greatest growth in God's field.**

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." Jesus, John 15:4

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." -Jesus, John 15:5

### **Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\***

Share your memories of the FIRST church you attended? What did you feel? What did you think about the place and people?

Read Ephesians 1:5 and 2:19. How can a church be like a family? What does that imply?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Talk about how the church is like a body. What are the implications (good AND bad) of this?

What is YOUR part in the body? Talk to each other about how they personally contribute to God's work in this place.

Read John 15:1-8. How is Mariners like a 'field'? How do you personally 'remain' or "abide" with Jesus?

What would you say to someone who said, "I don't really need church."?

Take time to pray together.

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org