

# FBC Small-Group Materials

## Week of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### Romans 1:5-7; Called to Belong

#### For Small-Group Leaders

*Dear Leaders,*

*As Christmas approaches and life speeds up, my prayer for us is that there would be enough time and space in our busy lives for Christ to get our attention. We need him at this time of year. We need him at every time of the year. But Christmas time is no exception. This holiday season is difficult for many people – there are people all around us, including home group members, who are experiencing losses of various kinds. We can truly make a difference if we are connected to Christ, allowing him to use us. Central to staying connected is this idea of “belonging.” We all need a place to belong. When a person discovers that sense of belonging in God’s family it can make all the difference in the world. It has for me. And I trust that it has for you.*

*Blessings,*

**Scott**

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#### **Discussion Starters:**

- **Belonging** – When you were in high school, where did you derive your sense of belonging (sports team, school club, church youth group, etc.)?

#### **Discussion Questions:**

Introduction: Read Romans 1:1-7 (focusing on 5-7)

1. Verse 6 says that we belong to Jesus Christ. What does that mean?
2. The New Testament is full of imagery that speaks of our “belonging.” We are told that we are a part of God’s family, that God is our Father, etc. Can you think of other ways that the New Testament speaks about our belonging?
3. Read 1 John 3:1. How does the metaphor of family help us understand our belonging to Christ?
4. Look at Romans 1:7. This verse speaks of several blessings that come to those who belong to Christ. What are they?
5. Hebrews 4:16 highlights another blessing that is ours because we belong. Why is confidence such a critical part of prayer? How does this verse add to our sense of belonging in Christ?
6. Read John 10:27-30. What does this passage say about those who belong to Christ?
7. How does the John 10 passage bring you comfort?

#### **Getting Personal:**

- Of all the New Testament metaphors that speak of our belonging, which one is the most potent to you?
- Of all the privileges that we possess as a result of belonging to God’s family, which one(s) are the most precious to you?

#### **Putting it into Practice:**

- When we realize the immense blessing of belonging, we want those we love to know those blessings as well. Of all the people in your life who presently do not belong to Christ, which one(s) are you most burdened about?
- Close in prayer giving group members a chance to thank God for the privileges we enjoy. Pray as well for those people who do not yet belong to Christ but who you desire to see come to him.