

Valuing Our Vision series

Empty Bleachers

Message Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

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God's family is made up of participants not spectators

You are part of God's family

You are essential to God's family

You are dependent on God's family

Go Deeper:

- 1) According to your experience in church would you describe church as more about participation or spectating? Explain.
- 2) How do we become a part of God's family? (see Romans 10:9-13)
- 3) Do you believe you are essential to God's family? Explain.
- 4) What do you think the role God has given you is within His family? Why?
- 5) Why do you think we see some roles within the family as more significant than others?
- 6) According to 1 Corinthians 12 are there any roles that are more or less significant than any other with God's family? Explain.
- 7) How should we treat people who appear to be filling a role that may be looked upon as less significant?
- 8) Can someone do too much in God's family? Explain.
- 9) In your estimation how would you describe our stewardship of God's family at MorningStar Baptist Church?
- 10) Would you say that just sitting and filling a seat in God's family is sin? Explain.

Next Steps:

- I need to know more about being in God's family. I want to know Jesus Christ as my Savior. Please have the pastor contact me this week.
- I want to participate in God's family but I don't know where I fit. I will start my journey to participating by taking a spiritual gifts test and sharing the results with one of the pastors this week. You can find a spiritual gifts test at http://elmertowns.com/spiritual_gifts_test/index.cfm?action=SPQ_instructions
- I am experiencing ministry burnout because I am not depending on others in God's family. This week I will begin to prayerfully evaluate everything I am involved in and identify which ones I need to remain involved in, and put together a long term plan for replacing myself in the other areas of ministry.
- Write in your own: _____