

TALK IT OVER

The Call:

To Belong

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1. Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Think of a place – past or present- where you felt like you truly belonged.

2. Start thinking and sharing.

"God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ."

Ephesian 1:5 NLT

- What does it mean to you personally to be adopted into God's family?
- How might you view yourself and others in our church if we truly embrace that identity?

"I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

Psalms 16:8 NIV

- Can you recall a moment when you felt "unshaken" because you knew God was near?

"Finally, all of you should be in agreement, understanding each other, loving each other as family, being kind and humble. Do not do wrong to repay a wrong, and do not insult to repay an insult. But repay with a blessing, because you yourselves were called to do this so that you might receive a blessing."

1 Peter 3:8, 9 NCV

- How can I help foster unity, understanding and humility in my church family?

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith...and overflowing with thankfulness."

Colossians 2:6-7

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2. Start thinking and sharing. (Continued)

- What habits help you stay rooted and growing in Christ?
- How can we become more like Jesus?

3. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Lord, thank You for placing me in a spiritual family. Help me to lean in, not away. Give me the ability to see others with Your heart. God in your wisdom and love, you have placed us in this community of believers – not just for encouragement and support, but for growth, accountability, and purpose. Make me your faithful and loving child, using my life for Your glory and the good of others. Amen

"Now, you (collectively) are Christ's body, and individually (you are) members of it (each with his own special purpose and function)."

1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV

Leader: Break into groups of three and take time to pray for each other. This is important!

4. Start doing.

Reflect this week on how God has called you to belong to your church family and reflect on the opportunities we have to Focus, Face, Fortify, and Find my place in His family.

"Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love."

Acts 20:24 TLB

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV