

GROUPS

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RESTORE SUNDAY - 11/09/2025 CASSIE WILSON

MAIN IDEA

THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING

TALK ABOUT IT

- **ICEBREAKER:** What does belonging mean to you in your family, in community, and in God's kingdom?
- How can belonging to Christ inspire us to extend that same belonging to others, especially those who may feel isolated or unseen?
- In Psalm 103:3, why do you think forgiveness is the first benefit mentioned? In what ways do we sometimes take God's forgiveness or the gift of salvation for granted?
- Read Romans 5:8 and Isaiah 53:5. What do these verses show you about the depth of God's love and the cost of your salvation?
- How does understanding your own forgiveness help you show grace toward others in daily life?
- What might change in your relationships if you lived every day fully aware that you are forgiven and healed?
- What "pits" has God lifted you from—spiritual, emotional, or relational?
- How have you experienced God's compassion restoring your dignity and hope?
- Read Ephesians 4:32. What are practical ways we can extend the same compassion and redemption to people in our community who need to feel seen and valued?
- What "good things" has God used to satisfy your soul in this season?
- How is His renewal different from temporary refreshment or escape?
- Read Romans 8:28 and Isaiah 40:31. How do these truths help you persevere in ministry or caregiving when you feel weary or overlooked?
- Where do you most need God's renewal right now - your soul, your home, or your service to others?
- How can we remind one another, as a community of faith, of the joy and strength that come from belonging to God's family?
- How can we model the benefits of belonging to Christ for the children and families Restore serves?

Restore Sunday Challenge

This week, practice Remembering His benefits by:

- Writing down three blessings of belonging to God's family.
- Sharing encouragement with a foster or caregiver family.
- Taking time each day to simply say, "Praise (bless) the Lord, my soul!"

KEY SCRIPTURES

PSALMS 103:1-5

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - **All Church Prayer** - November 10th at 6pm in the Fireside
 - Join us at one of our Sunday services: 8:30am, 10am & 11:30am
 - Spanish translation available during our 10am service
- **EXPERIENCE**
 - **Life Groups Highlight** - Chelan WA, Wednesdays at 6pm
 - For more information text/call at 509 433-7402
 - **Growth Week 3** Get Plugged In - at 10am in the Fireside Room
- **EXPAND**
 - **Christmas Tree Lighting** - November 30th at 6pm
 - Ready to take the next step? Allow us to help you plug into a DREAM TEAM. Reach out to Jill Thayer at jillt@sagehillchurch.com for information on serve opportunities.
 - Restore "Pathway to Connections" Life Groups Serve opportunity:
 - Foster families that need help with trimming, mowing, weeding, haul away, light repairs etc.
 - Please contact Don Cain (425) 501-9844

GOING DEEPER

- **Reflection:** When was the last time you were truly in awe of your salvation? What helped you remember the wonder of belonging to God's family, and what has caused that wonder to fade at times?
- **Journal:** Read Psalm 103:1-5 slowly and write your own list of "benefits" you've experienced from God's grace. How has He forgiven, healed, redeemed, crowned, satisfied, or renewed you personally?
- **Application:** This week, how can you intentionally live like someone who knows they belong—someone forgiven, healed, redeemed, and renewed? Identify one concrete action you can take to reflect the benefits of salvation to someone who may feel forgotten or weary.

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