

CALLED TO BELONG

Week 3 WOEAHF

“God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory.” Hebrews 2:10

THE 2ND PURPOSE OF MY LIFE IS THAT GOD FORMED ME FOR HIS FAMILY!

“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.” Eph 1:5

GOD’S FAMILY IS CALLED HIS CHURCH

“I am writing...¹⁵ so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:14-15

I AM CALLED TO BELONG TO HIS CHURCH

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“And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.” Romans 1:6

1. IN GOD’S FAMILY I learn my true identity

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2. IN GOD’S TEMPLE I am supported by others

“We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.”²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.” Eph 2:21-22

3. IN CHRIST’S BODY I discover my unique value

“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

4. IN GOD’S FLOCK I am protected and cared for

“As a fellow elder, I appeal to you:² Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.” 1 Pet 5:1-2

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” 1 Thess 5:11

5. IN GOD’S GARDEN my life becomes productive

“A branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. But apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:4-5

Five basic needs in our lives

- **Identity**
- **Stability**
- **Capacity**
- **Security**
- **Productivity**

“Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.” Eph 3:20