

## Building Family – Week 1

### *Created to Belong*

Teaching Notes

We all have a deep \_\_\_\_\_ to belong.

God created you to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ belongs.  
*Genesis 1:26*
2. God created \_\_\_\_\_ to belong in him.  
*Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2:18*
3. God created us to belong in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We chose \_\_\_\_\_ and isolation.  
*Romans 5:12; Romans 5:17*
5. Jesus brings us back to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Romans 10:9; John 1:12*
6. Jesus brings us back to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*John 10:28-30; John 1:12-13*

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### Overview

We all have a desire to belong to something. It may be, we want to belong to a certain group of friends, be a part of a team, and of course, be part of a family. The feeling of being left out or isolated is difficult. In *Ecclesiastes 4:6-9*, we are told that ‘Two are better than one...’, basically that it’s not good to be alone and why we need others. Yet, where does that need to belong come from and why is it so powerful? As we explore our desire to belong, let’s look at what the Bible teaches about being created to belong.

### Opening Question

What’s the best thing you ever belonged to and why was it so great?

### Read, Reflect, Write

1. **Read** *Genesis 1:26*

**Reflect** Who is God speaking to in this verse when he talks about creating man? Discuss the significance of being created in ‘their’ image in contrast to everything else God created.

**Write**

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2. **Read** *Genesis 2:18-24*

**Reflect** These scriptures illustrate God’s desire for us to belong to a family. So, if our desire to belong comes from God, then how do we get that fulfillment through Jesus, especially when some families, groups, organizations, might not be that healthy?

**Write**

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3. **Read** *Genesis 3:9, Romans 5:12*

**Reflect** Sin affects us all. Adam and Eve chose to disconnect from God and their own path, but still God came looking for them. Where have you decided to disconnect from God? How will you ensure that you will be able to hear God’s voice when He comes seeking after you? Because, He will ask, just like He did for Adam and Eve.

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4. **Read** *Roman 5:17, John 1:12-13 and John 10: 28-30*

**Reflect** These scriptures give us assurance that Jesus brings us back to God and back to family. Apart from Jesus, we will never truly belong and be able to do what God created us to do. We all struggle with the questions, ‘Who am I?’, ‘Why am I here?’, and ‘What is my purpose?’. What are some practical steps we can take to begin seeking the answers to these questions?

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**Reflect** Discuss a time when you felt like you didn’t belong. What are some examples of how that desire to belong can result in a negative impact on a person’s life?

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**For Further Personal Study**

**Read** *Psalms 24:1, 1 Corinthians 3:23; 12:13, 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 8:38-39, and Isaiah 43:1.*

**Reflect** Continue reading and journaling scriptures that speak to your heart about belonging. Also, if you have the Bible app, there are several devotional plans on *belonging*, including one by Cody Griggs that is a five-day plan called “You Belong”.