



BE JESUS!

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I Belong!

Go-Be Jesus!

We desire to build fully engaged Jesus Followers who think, act and are being like Jesus!

Belonging TO Jesus!

I Belong!

We all long to belong! To be wanted, noticed, accepted, valued, loved-to just belong. In Jesus, we are!

1 Peter 2:9 NIV'84

We all long to belong! We'll do just about anything to belong.

In Jesus: Internal definitely impacts External. The World: External supposedly impacts Internal.

Table Talk: Topic-Belonging (Briefly Share: A time we didn't belong. A time we did belong & a time we did something 'just to' belong)

"One of these things is not like the other. One of these things just doesn't belong!" -

Sesame Street

Just doesn't belong. We've all been there-remember when?

Samaritan Woman: John 4

John 4:13-14 NIV'84

Zacchaeus: Luke 19

Luke 19:8 NIV'84

Our belonging TO Jesus; naturally, others impacted FOR Jesus!

Biblical Belongingness: Our identity, self-worth and purpose are found IN Jesus!

I Belong! I Belong to Jesus!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV'84

Biblical Belongingness = Being IN Jesus!

Responsive Reading

Doug: Romans 7:4 NIV

Church Family: Romans 8:1-2 NLT

Doug: 2 Corinthians 5:15 & 17 NLT

Church Family: Romans 14:8 NIV

Doug: 1 Peter 2:9 NIV'84

Church Family: Romans 12:5b TLB

Table Talk: Topic-Discuss Message & Meaning of Responsive Reading Verses

We all long to belong! To be wanted, noticed, accepted, valued, loved-to just belong.

In Jesus, we are!

Biblical Belongingness: Our identity, self-worth and purpose are found IN Jesus!

Acts 2:41-47 NIV'84

Go-Be Jesus! Our belonging TO Jesus; naturally, others impacted FOR Jesus!

We all long to belong! In Jesus, we do!

I belong! I choose to belong to Jesus. Do you?

1 Corinthians 11:24b NIV

1 Corinthians 11:25b NIV

MEMORY VERSE

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." - 1 Peter 2:9 NIV'84

REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

1. Share our understanding of what the message was about?
2. How can we apply and integrate this message into our life?
3. We all long to belong. Share a time when we didn't belong. When we did belong. What difference stands out?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 7:4 & 2 Corinthians 5:17. What 'belonging' truths are communicated to us? Why?
5. Read John 4: Samaritan Woman & Luke 19: Zacchaeus. Discuss: How their choice to belong to Jesus impacted others.
6. Discuss. "Biblical Belongingness: Our identity, self-worth and purpose are found IN Jesus!" Agree or Disagree? Why?
7. Re-Read the Responsive Reading Verses. Then discuss.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOTED

Rooted is a community experience, where individuals establish firm roots in the Truth of God's Word through personal study and practicing seven rhythms essential to a healthy relationship with Jesus, and then come together to discuss what they're learning. Rooted begins Wednesday, Sept 18 and meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM for 10 weeks. Sign up early; Space is limited. Cost is \$30 per person and covers the workbook and a Celebration Dinner at the end of the session. Child-care for infants - 5th grade provided for a one-time fee of \$30 per family. Register for Rooted at c3ocala.com/rooted or stop by the table in the courtyard for more information.

LIFE GROUPS

At Central, we believe we are better together, so don't miss this opportunity to connect with a small group within our community. Stop by the table in the courtyard or visit c3ocala.com/lifegroups find the group that's right for you. If you are new to Central, we encourage you to participate in Rooted prior to joining a Life Group.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Join us for a Night of Worship Sunday, Sept 22 at 6:30 PM. Food Trucks will be here at 5:00 PM and doors will open at 6:00 PM. Register for childcare at c3ocala.com/childcare.