PULL UP A CHAIR: You Belong Here.

<u>WEEK 1:</u> You Belong Here
Core Truth: The Holy Spirit enables us to confess Jesus as Lord and gives each believer gifts for the common good.
Trustworthy Statement: Through Jesus, we belong; His Spirit equips us to serve others.

DAY 1 — 1 Corinthians 1:4–9 (CSB)
Question: How does knowing that God graciously calls and equips His people change the way I view my place in His church?

DAY 2 — 1 Corinthians 12:1–3 (CSB)
Question: What does this passage teach me about the Spirit's relationship to confessing Jesus as Lord, and how should that shape my understanding of spiritual experiences?

DAY 3 — 1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (CSB)
Question: How does knowing that the Spirit gives gifts for the common good change the way I think about what God has given me?

DAY 4 — 1 Corinthians 12:8–11 (CSB)
Question: How can I respond with trust and gratitude to the Spirit's freedom to distribute gifts as He wills?

DAY 5 — Romans 8:9–17 (CSB)
Question: How does knowing that the Spirit testifies with my spirit that I am God's child change the way I understand my belonging? And if I'm unsure, what would it look like to belong to Him by faith?

Take time to practice SOAP:

Scripture: What stands out?

Observation: What is God revealing?

Application: What needs to change?

Prayer: Talk to God about it.

WEEK 2: Different, But Not Divided
Core Truth: God brings different people into one body and gives each member a place according to His wisdom.
Trustworthy Statement: I do not need someone else's role to have a place in Christ's body.

DAY 1 — 1 Corinthians 12:12–14 (CSB)
Question: How does our shared belonging through the Spirit challenge the divisions I sometimes make between myself and other believers?

DAY 2 — 1 Corinthians 12:15–20 (CSB)
Question: Where has comparison caused me to discount my place in the body, and how does God's arrangement of its members challenge that thinking?

DAY 3 — Romans 12:3–8 (CSB)
Question: How should thinking humbly and honestly about myself shape the way I view my gifts and the gifts of others?

DAY 4 — Ephesians 4:1–6 (CSB)
Question: Which attitude in this passage do I most need to practice to help maintain unity in my faith family?

DAY 5 — Philippians 2:1–4 (CSB)
Question: What would considering the interests of others change about the way I approach one relationship in my faith family?

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WEEK 3: You Are Needed
Core Truth: God makes the members of Christ's body dependent on one another and calls them to share in care, suffering, and joy.
Trustworthy Statement: Every member matters, and every member deserves care.

DAY 1 — 1 Corinthians 12:21–26 (CSB)
Question: How does God's concern for members who seem weaker or less honorable challenge the way I notice and care for others?

DAY 2 — James 2:1–9 (CSB)
Question: Where might favoritism be shaping my relationships, and how can I show love to someone I might otherwise overlook?

DAY 3 — 1 Thessalonians 5:12–15 (CSB)
Question: How can I respond patiently to someone's particular need rather than expecting everyone to need the same kind of care?

DAY 4 — 2 Corinthians 1:3–7 (CSB)
Question: How might the comfort I have received from God equip me to care for someone who is suffering?

DAY 5 — Romans 12:14–18 (CSB)
Question: What would it look like for me to share someone's joy or grief this week with the humility and care described here?

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WEEK 4: Belonging With Purpose
Core Truth: God gives His people different roles and gifts, and love must shape how they use them.
Trustworthy Statement: God-given gifts must be used in love.

DAY 1 — 1 Corinthians 12:27–31 (CSB)
Question: How does being a member of Christ's body shape my responsibility to serve while recognizing that everyone does not have the same role?

DAY 2 — 1 Corinthians 13:1–7 (CSB)
Question: Where am I tempted to use my gifts without love, and which description of love in vv. 4-7 most challenges how I serve?

DAY 3 — John 13:1–17 (CSB)
Question: How does Jesus' example challenge me to use my position and abilities to serve others humbly?

DAY 4 — Romans 12:9–13 (CSB)
Question: Which of the habits in this passage is weakest in how I use my gifts, and what would it look like to practice it consistently rather than occasionally?

DAY 5 — 1 John 3:16–18 (CSB)
Question: Jesus' sacrifice is the pattern for love here. What might God be asking me to give up so that the gifts and goods He has given me actually meet someone's need?

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