

You Belong Here! (Part 1)- Going Deeper Questions

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Question #1: What does it mean to you personally that through Jesus you are no longer a stranger or outsider, but a member of God's family? Have you ever struggled with feeling like you didn't belong—whether in church, relationships, or life in general? What experiences or fears have shaped that feeling? How does Ephesians 2:19 change the way you see your identity when Paul says you are a citizen with God's people and a member of His household?

Question #2: How has God's grace changed your life and brought you home? Paul reminds us that grace did more than forgive our sins—it changed our position and our identity. What does God's grace mean to you personally? Are there areas where you still carry shame, regret, or labels from your past even though Jesus has made you new? How would your life look different if you truly believed that God's grace is enough?

Question #3: What is the difference between attending church and belonging to a church family? Have you allowed yourself to be known, encouraged, and challenged by other believers? Why do you think so many people struggle with genuine community even though they desire connection? What is one step you could take to move from simply being present to becoming fully engaged in God's family?

Question #4: How are you helping build the family of God around you? Paul says, "Together, we are His house." God never designed the Church to be built by a few people while everyone else watches. What gifts, abilities, experiences, or resources has God given you that can strengthen His Church? What would change in our church if every believer embraced their role as an important part of what God is building?

Question #5: What areas of your life is God currently shaping, strengthening, or refining? How have other believers helped you grow closer to Christ? Are there relationships, conversations, or opportunities for growth that you have been avoiding? What does it look like to trust God as the Master Builder, even when the process is uncomfortable?

Challenge:

1. Look for one person this week who may feel overlooked or disconnected and intentionally encourage them, learn their story, and help them feel valued.
2. Take one step toward deeper connection in God's family and allow others to invest in your spiritual growth.
3. Invite one person who needs Jesus or needs a church family to experience the love and belonging found in God's house.