

BELONG: We commit to healthy, Christ-centered relationships.

Monday, May 21

Read 1 Peter 2:10

When we begin to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we become a part of God's family. We belong. In what ways do you participate as a child of God, as a part of His family?

Example... "I am faithful to attend weekend services."

Contemplate what it means to be a people of God. This week we want to take intentional steps toward the commitment of belong. Pray and ask God to help you see where you are on the journey of belong.

Tuesday, May 22

Read Galatians 3:26-29

Is it hard for you to accept that you are a part of God's family? Why or why not?

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Maybe it is easy for you to accept yourself as a part of God's family, but you have a hard time accepting others? Be honest. Are there people or groups of people you distance yourself from and don't actively participate with as the family of God? Why?

If you have a hard time accepting you are part of God's family, pray and talk to God about your feelings. If you have a hard time accepting others, ask God for forgiveness. Pray and ask Him to open your heart to those you exclude.

Wednesday, May 23

Read Ephesians 2:17-20

We are fellow citizens with God's people and members of His household. We are meant to love, encourage, and help one another. Share about a recent time you came alongside a fellow brother or sister in Christ. How did God work through you in the relationship?

Share about a recent time someone came alongside you as a fellow brother or sister in Christ. What was the situation? How did they share the love of Christ with you?

Ask God to open your eyes to how you can better love, encourage and help other Christ followers in your life. Ask God to help you see how you can allow other Christ followers deeper into your life so others can help you too. We are to love and care for everyone God puts in our path regardless of whether they follow Christ or not, but it is important we link arms with other Christ followers so we can pray, love, encourage and care for one another by the Spirit's power at work in us.

Thursday, May 24

Read Ephesians 2:21-22

When we come together to belong, the Holy Spirit works in us and through us in powerful ways. If we remain busy and unattached, we miss the beauty of what God does through His people as one. Some examples: the church, Builder's for Christ, small groups
Are you connected at church? Why or why not? What step could you take to get involved at Jacob's Well? You are welcome to contact Laura Garry for more information at lgarry@jacobsowellchurch.church

Are you in a small group? Why or why not? If so, how can you create a deeper sense of belong in your group? If not, pray about joining a group and taking that step into community.

Have you signed up to serve with Builders for Christ this summer? Why or why not? There are so many opportunities for you to take a step of belong as you connect in service with the building project. Go to the BFC table or check out the BFC section at our website www.jacobswellchurch.church. You will meet other Jacob's Well attenders as well as brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the United States. Pray and ask God how He would like you to be involved.

Friday, May 25

Read Ephesians 4:2-3

Belong is hard work. It requires humility, gentleness, patience, love and peace. Because it is hard work, we can refrain from connecting to others in relationship. How have you seen this to be true in your life?

God desires us to be in relationship with Him as well as in relationship with others. Because relationship is hard, we spend time with God first. We ask His Holy Spirit within us to work humility, gentleness, patience, love and peace through us. Spend time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in your heart in these ways. Ask God to show you who He wants you to be in relationship with and how He wants you to take a step in the commitment of Belong.

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