

CONNECT GROUPS

— life is better together —

Week 5 Meeting (Week of Oct 16th)

This week our focus is on the Idea of belonging to the community of Jesus. Jesus seems to suggest that anyone who is doing good work in his name may belong to his family, but its very easy to put up barriers between ourselves and others. This week we'll talk about what it looks like to feel a sense of belonging to a community and how we can help others feel the same.

Check-In (view Leaders Guide for check-in suggestions)

Discussion

1. Share about a time you joined a new community (e.g. joining a new family, starting a new job, moving to new town, joining new church, etc.) When did you feel like you truly belonged? What had to happen for you to feel that sense of belonging?
2. Jesus says “anyone who’s not against us is for us” (Mark 9:40). What do you think about this statement?
3. Have you ever seen someone unexpected sharing the love and peace of Jesus?
4. Is it ever hard to accept other people as truly belonging to the community of Jesus? What makes that so hard? Are there particular groups you struggle the most to accept?
5. How can we help others feel as though they belong to our community? What does it take to go beyond being “welcoming” and towards helping people feel as though they truly belong?

Prayer