What On Earth Am I Here For - Week 3

Welcome to the What On Earth Am I Here For Series.

Last week Sunday we discussed the topic, called to be loved.

Today we continue our campaign and discuss the topic, called to belong.

God’s family is called the Church. “in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3 vs 15B)

Discuss: What does it mean to you to be called to belong to God’s Family (Church)?

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.” (Ephesians 2 vs 19)

“And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.” (Romans 1 vs 6)

Understanding the benefits of belonging to God’s Church:

1. Your identity will be discovered through Jesus Christ. How well you do in school, the people you hang out with, society and even our sins do not define your identity.

“Before you were created God had predestined you to belong to be sons and daughters through Jesus Christ. Our identity should be found in God alone. That’s where our true identity is found.  4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.” (Ephesians 1 vs 4-5)

2. Fellowshipping with other believers, we support each other and make each other stronger based on the cornerstone, Jesus Christ.

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” (Ephesians 2 vs 19-22)

3. Value and Growth: You will discover your value and develop spiritual muscle.

“Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.” (1 Corinthians 12vs 15-19)

Everyone has a part to play, each and every one of you has something special to contribute, God created you for a purpose.

We are all part of the body we all have a gift and purpose that God has placed in us to contribute so that the body functions the way God intended it to. We all need each other’s strengths to fulfil God’s purpose. You are valuable you are important.

4. Security: The small groups that you are all a part of, is an example of being cared for, you have a safe space to share your journey experiences with other believers. You are not alone on this walk and you will never be alone. This is why being a part of God’s family is so amazing because you develop new friendships that will encourage you and walk with you.  We will all go through trying times so its encouraging to know you can ask other believers how they deal with issues so that you can learn from each other. We are always stronger together than when we are alone. When we are accountable to one another we avoid backsliding.

“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5vs 9-11)

5. Productive: As you remain in Christ you are bound to grow and produce fruit. The more you learn more about Jesus the more you begin to discover that you can so much because of His strength and the knowledge you learn from God’s word. Its impossible not to see change and productivity when you are constantly connected to God through Jesus Christ.

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

(John 15 vs 4-5)

How to become part of God’s family:

#1 Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour:

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1 vs 12)

#2 Willing to die: Willing to surrender, to allow God’s will to prevail in your life.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2 vs 20)

#3 Developing a Relationship with God:

God really wants to reunite with His people. He wants you to engage with him and get to know him. This means coming to church and get fed the word. Going to small groups so that you can learn from each other and stay accountable.

#4 Willing to become a member:

Using your gifts to serve in God’s church. Willing to become a member, and play your part in God’s family, (Church).

Small Group Discussion: You have ten minutes to apply the message to your life in small groups using these 3 questions: (1) Do you feel like you are part of God’s family? If so why, if not why? (2) What gifts do you have that can be used in God’s family (Church). (3) Amongst your fellow brothers and sister’s in Christ who are you looking out for  and who is looking out for you?

Wrap up: Benefits of Belonging:

1. Identity in Christ

2. Support and Stability

3. Value and Growth

4. Security

5.  Productivity

Prayer:  Pray for three groups of people. (1) Teens who don’t know Jesus and want a relationship with Him. (2) Teens who want to reconnect to God (3) God to reveal their gifts in order for them to know their purpose and where they fit in the family.

Daily Devotions: We will post devotions on the Sunday WhatsApp group every night of the week throughout this series

Next Week: Called to Become