

It's All About Belonging

SERIES: I LOVE MY CHURCH
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KEY VERSES:

"It is not good for...man to be alone"
-Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

Whatever you do, put your whole heart and soul into it, as into work done for God, and not merely for men - knowing that your real reward, a heavenly one, will come from God, since you are actually employed by Christ...
-Colossians 3:22 (Phillips NT)

In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body. And each part belongs to all the other parts.
-Romans 12:5 (ICB)

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1. God created me _____
_____ In His family of believers.

"As servants of God... Love the family of believers."
-1 Peter 2:16-17 (NRSV)

IN GOD'S FAMILY YOU WILL FIND...

A. A place to _____

Therefore, encourage each other and strengthen one another as you are doing.
-1 Thessalonians 5:11 (GW)

B. A place to _____

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
-Romans 12:15 (NASB)

B. A place to _____

Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.
-1 Timothy 6:17-19 (TLB)

2. God created me _____
_____ in His family of believers.

God in his kindness gave each of us different gifts.
-Romans 12:6 (GW)

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.
-1 Peter 4:10 (CEV)

3. God created me _____
_____ His family of believers.

In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.
-John 17:18 (MSG)

"You are the earth's salt. But if the salt should become tasteless, what can make it salt again? It is completely useless and can only be thrown out of doors and stamped under foot." "You are the world's light - it is impossible to hide a town built on the top of a hill. Men do not light a lamp and put it under a bucket. They put it on a lamp-stand and it gives light for everybody in the house. "Let your light shine like that in the sight of men. Let them see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven."
-Matthew 5:13-16 (Phillips NT)

ANSWER KEY:
To Have A Place; Receive Support; Give Support; Build Relationships That Last For Eternity; For Ministry; For A Mission With

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