

Water of Life Community Church

LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER

WEEK FOUR: CONNECT—I BELONG

HEBREWS 10:24-25; JOHN 1:12; ROMANS 8:15-16

ICE BREAKER

OPEN IN PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Being a Jesus follower begins with a relationship with God, this was the focus of the last two weeks. The next two sessions are built on the truth that being a Jesus follower isn't just about a relationship with God. From the very beginning, people were created for community (Gen. 2:18). God created us to enjoy a relationship with Him in the context of relationships with others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WATCH THE VIDEO, "SESSION 4: CONNECT—I BELONG."

- a. Vance taught that God created us for community. How do the people you know demonstrate a natural desire for relationship?
- b. Why should a right relationship with God compel us to have deep relationships with other Christians?

2. READ HEBREWS 10:24-25.

- a. Have you ever heard someone say they love Jesus, but they don't like the church? Why is this not something a follower of Jesus can rightly believe?
- b. How can believers stimulate or spur on each other in the context of meeting together? Outside the context of an organized group gathering?

Our faith in Jesus is deeply personal, but it was never meant to be private. From the very beginning, God meant us to live out our faith in the context of a community. Christian community reflects the goodness of God. As our relationship with Him grows our desire to connect with other Christians will also grow.

3. READ JOHN 1:12 AND ROMANS 8:15-16.

- a. How does the image of a family help us better understand our connection to other Christians?

b. Vance said that church isn't "an event you attend but a family to which you belong." How does this statement challenge the way we often think about the church?

c. Outside of a group like this, how are you currently connecting with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

d. What are some ways you could grow and strengthen your relationships with other Jesus followers?

God Himself has eternally existed in the community of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Spirit. Our innate desire for community is one of the ways we know we've been made in God's image.

The entirety of the Bible was written to a group of people: first, the nation of Israel, then to the church of Jesus Christ. All of the New Testament letters were written to churches throughout the known world. The church isn't a place or an event but God's collected people. We're a family who relates to one another as brothers and sisters with God as their Father. The relationships that exist inside the church will exist forever because we'll still be connected to other Christians in eternity.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 10:24-25 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

"And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, 25 not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching."

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