



BUILT TO BELONG

June 6 & 7, 2026

God designed us to _____ in the body of Christ,
not just casually visit it.

Two Realities about our Lack of Belonging:

- We are more _____ connected than ever.
- We are more _____ disconnected than ever.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

We Live Like We Were Built to Belong When We:

1 _____ consistently to church, even when it's
inconvenient.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

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**We need to live like Jesus was born this morning,
died this afternoon, and is coming back this evening.**

Three Facts about Belonging to the Church:

- Belonging is not built on occasional _____.
- Belonging is built on consistent _____.
- Connection grows over time; not just when it's easy, but when it's _____.

Psalms 92:13 (NLT)

For they are transplanted to the LORD's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God.

How to be an Intentional and Consistent Member:

- _____ gathering with the church instead of fitting it in.
- Come _____ – expecting to encourage someone, not just receive something.
- Stay _____, even when life feels busy, tiring, or distracting.

2

_____ from attending to engaging.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (GW)

You are Christ's body and each of you is an individual part of it.

Two Realities:

- Most Christians _____ for many years and never actually _____.
- Belonging begins where _____ attendance ends.

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He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Three Steps to Move You:

- _____ one intentional step toward involvement this week.
- _____ after service instead of leaving quickly.
- _____ yourself and start a conversation.

3

_____ my gifts, even if I feel unqualified.

2 Timothy 1:6 (NLT)

This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

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There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord ... A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

Two Facts about the Body of Christ:

- Everyone has a _____ here.
- Everyone has something to _____.

Remember:

The body only works best when every part _____.

Three Practical Challenges:

- _____ into serving, even before I feel ready.
- _____ comparing gifts and start using what I've been given.
- _____ for needs and respond instead of waiting to be asked.

_____ transparency over surface-level relationships.

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Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Two Facts about Real Belonging:

- Real belonging happens when people are _____, not just seen.
- Real belonging happens when _____ replaces image.

How to Accomplish Transparency:

- _____ to someone in church beyond surface-level conversation.
- _____ for prayer instead of pretending everything is fine.
- _____ connection instead of isolation, especially when life gets hard.

_____ consistently and joyfully from the finances God gave me.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT)

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

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How to be a Faithful Giver:

- **Start _____ 10% today through Grace Church.**
- **When God _____ me with more, I can give more generously.**

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