



## Sermon Discussion Guide

**January 25, 2026**

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

### **Key Point: Belonging before behavior.**

#### **Life Sharing: (answer one)**

1. Everyone is an artist in some sphere of life. Where are your artistic abilities put on display?
2. Share one thing you have built, constructed, or created.

#### **Transition / Open in prayer**

3. Describe a time in your life when you felt that you really belonged: either in your family or in a group.

#### **Life Examination:**

*READ Ephesians 2:3-10*

4. What are some things that fall into the category of "cravings of the flesh"?

5. What does it mean to "be seated with Christ in the heavenly realms" in our current reality?
6. Paul writes that we aren't saved by work (vs. 9) but we are created to do good work (vs. 10). What is the difference between "saving" work and good work?
7. What does it mean that you are God's handiwork?

*READ Ephesians 2:17-22 and Romans 8:13-17*

8. Why do you think Paul uses the word "citizen" to describe who we are in Jesus?
9. What is God building in verses 20-22 of Ephesians 2?
10. How does the Spirit of God testify/confirm our identity as God's kids?
11. What is the inheritance that Romans 8:17 talks about?

#### **Life Application:**

12. What are the parts of someone's identity or understanding of themselves?
13. How do we place or locate all those parts on Jesus?
14. What are some of the "good works" that God created you to do, as far as you can tell?
15. When did a relationship in your life help you to grow in maturity or faith? What was true about that relationship?
16. As a group, make a list of the benefits of being a child of God. Is there a benefit that you are not embracing in your everyday life?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another and ask the Spirit of God to create belonging in your small group.