



### **World Turned Upside Down: Pt.3, The Lonely Found Belonging**

The gift of belonging finds its fulfillment through the body of Christ which is the Church. Jesus continues to offer the gift of belonging to us today. He made a way for us to live in right relationship with God and with others. God adopts us as his children. He is our loving Father, and we have become brothers and sisters. We belong for all eternity to him and to each other as his Kingdom Community.

**Bottom Line: Belonging cures loneliness.**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one of your fondest memories of time spent with your family or a group of friends?
2. Loneliness is a common experience. In 2018, almost half of American adults said they "sometimes or always feel alone." Would you say that is true of you? When do you feel alone?
3. One gift we can give and receive is the gift of belonging. Where have you found belonging? What made it so?
4. **Read Matthew 1:22–23 & Matthew 28:20.** In both passages, Matthew describes God (Jesus) being "with us". Where do you see God with you right now?
5. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.** This passage is describing a family. Those who are in Christ are a part of God's family. Why do you think it's important for Christians to believe they are a part of a family? Describe a time when your church family supported you or when you support a church family member.
6. Think about Journey Christian Church. What is needed to create a belonging environment in this church? What is the church doing right already? What can the church do better? You're welcome to submit your responses to Journey using the "contact us" page on the website - [JourneyRVA.com](http://JourneyRVA.com). We'd love to hear your thoughts.
7. What can you do this Christmas season to ensure people in your circle of influence feel like they belong? Name one person you can invite to Christmas Eve service this year. Discuss with your group how you can extend that invitation.
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

\*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.