

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What are some of the things you like best about your church?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Romans 12:3-5, Galatians 6:9-10, Psalm 68:5-6, and Psalm 92:12-15. These passages show us the importance of being planted in God's church.

- In what ways do you feel isolated and alone? How can you overcome these feelings?
- Describe your "longing for belonging." Who or what do you belong to? How has belonging to these groups impacted you?
- How important is your church family to you?
- How different are your relationships within the church from those outside the church?
- How are you currently planted in your church? What benefits would you experience if you were more firmly planted in your church?
- How does your church build and reinforce your beliefs?
- What behaviors have changed as a result of your being planted in your church? What behaviors do you still need to change?
- What are some of the things that keep you from being planted like you should be in your church?
- What are some things you can do this week to plant yourself more firmly into God's family?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you become more firmly planted in God's family:

One way to become more firmly planted into God's family is to build new relationships within the church. This week, come to church 10 minutes early and stay 10 minutes late. Don't rush into auditorium and rush out when it's over. Use those extra 20 minutes to meet new people and interact with them. Help those that may be first-time visitors to the church. Strive to meet at least two new people or couples during your 20 minutes. Pray that God will send you the right people to interact with.

Become more firmly planted in our church by serving. There are numerous areas where you can serve such as working with kids, teenagers, greeting, ushering and so many more. Take time this week to see which area of service would best fit the unique talents that God has given you. Not only will you help others when you serve, but you will also form new relationships within the church.

Talk It Over with God:

- Tell God some of the things you like best about your church. Ask Him to continue to bless your church.
- Share with God some of the areas of your life where you feel isolated and alone. Seek His comfort and help in overcoming these feelings.
- Ask God to show you different ways you can become more firmly planted in His family.
- Thank God for your church. Pray for the staff and pastors of your church. Pray for the needs of your church and those that attend.
- Commit to God that you will do the things necessary to become more firmly planted in His family.

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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