

YOU ARE CALLED TO BELONG
#SermonBelong
What On Earth Am I Here For?
Live Your Calling - Part 3
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Hebrews 2:10 God is the one who made all things, and all things are for his glory. **He wanted to have many children** share his glory... (NCV)

- My 2nd purpose is: **I AM FORMED FOR GOD'S FAMILY**

Ephesians 1:5 His unchanging plan has always been to **adopt us into his own family** by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. (NLT)

- God's family is called **THE CHURCH**

1 Timothy 3:15b ...**God's family is the church** of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. (GW)

- My 2nd calling is to **BELONG TO GOD'S CHURCH**

* **Ephesians 2:19b** ...you are members of God's very own family... and **you belong in God's household** with every other Christian. (LB)

Romans 1:6 You are among those who have been **called to belong** to Jesus Christ. (GW)

THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING
5 Bible Metaphors

1. IN GOD'S FAMILY I LEARN MY TRUE IDENTITY

Hebrews 2:11 Jesus and the people he makes holy all **belong to the same family**. That is why he isn't ashamed to **call them his brothers and sisters**. (CEV)

Acts 2:41 Those who **believed** what Peter said were **baptized** and **added to the church**... (NLT)

2. IN GOD'S TEMPLE I'M SUPPORTED BY OTHERS

Romans 1:12 I mean that I want us to **help each other** with the faith that we have. Your faith will **help me**, and my faith will **help you**. (ICB)

Ephesians 2:21-22 We who believe are carefully **joined together** with Christ as parts of a beautiful, **constantly growing temple for God**. ²² And you also are **joined** with

him and with each other by the Spirit and are part of this **dwelling** place of God. (LB)

3. IN CHRIST'S BODY I DISCOVER MY UNIQUE VALUE

Romans 12:4-5 Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with **Christ's Body**. We are all parts of it, and **it takes every one of us** to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So **we belong to each other**, and **each of us needs all the others**. (LB)

Ephesians 4:16 The whole body depends on Christ. And all the parts of the body are joined and held together. **Each part of the body does its own work**. And this makes the whole body grow and be strong with love. (ICB)

Ephesians 4:25c ...In Christ's Body **we're all connected to each other**... (MSG)

4. IN GOD'S FLOCK I'M PROTECTED AND CARED FOR

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (NIV)

John 10:11-14 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. ¹² The worker who is paid to keep the sheep is different from the shepherd who owns them. So when the worker sees a wolf coming, he runs away and leaves the sheep alone. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The man runs away because he is only a paid worker. He does not really care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, as the Father knows me. And my sheep know me, as I know the Father. I give my life for the sheep. (ICB)

1 Peter 5:2 **Take care of God's flock, his people**, that you are responsible for. **Watch over them** because you want to, not because you are forced to do it... (ICB)

Galatians 6:2 **Share each other's troubles and problems**, and in this way obey the law of Christ. (NLT)

5. IN GOD'S GARDEN I BECOME PRODUCTIVE

John 15:4-5 ...A branch **cannot produce fruit** if it is severed from the vine, and you

cannot be fruitful apart from me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will **produce much fruit.** But apart from me you can do nothing. (NLT)

Ephesians 3:21 Glory belongs to God in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time and eternity! (GW)