

# Weekend Resources

September 28, 2025 Main Character Energy - Belonging

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

**RECAP: You don't have to be the main character to live a meaningful story.** In fact, the moment you stop performing and let Jesus take center stage... is the moment your story truly begins.

# **MAIN POINTS**

- You weren't made to fit in—you were made to belong.
- Jesus invites outsiders.
- The Church is not a club; it's a family.

## **GETTING STARTED**

• You're throwing a big table-family dinner. You can invite three people—famous, fictional, or friends. Who makes your list and why?

### **SCRIPTURE**

• Luke 5:27, Luke 5:29-32, Ephesians 2:19, Romans 8:15

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Where do you most feel the pressure to "fit in," and how does that differ from the kind of belonging God offers?
- In the story of Levi, Jesus invites someone society avoided. Who might be the "outsiders" in your world today, and what would it look like to extend Jesus-style welcome to them?
- When you hear the Church described as a "family" instead of a "club," what images or experiences—positive or negative—come to mind, and why do you think that metaphor matters for understanding belonging?

## **APPLICATION**

- How does understanding that you were made to belong, that Jesus welcomes outsiders, and that the Church is a family change the way you see your identity, your relationships, and your role in God's community?
- What would it look like for you, this week, to rest in the truth that you already belong to God instead of striving to "fit in" with others?
- Who in your life might need that same reminder of belonging, and how could you extend a simple, genuine invitation to them?

## **RESOURCES**

• "If I get in a room with God **that should be all that matters**. But no. I need to be in a room with this person; that would matter." - Julian Lowe