

Group Questions – Joshua 22:10-34 – You Belong

Share a time in your life when you felt like you were OUT OF PLACE.

Share a time in your life when you felt like you “BELONGED”.

What have been your past thoughts regarding “BELONGING” to a church?

How might some people think negatively about BELONGING to a church?

In Joshua 22, 9 ½ tribes of Israel take issue with the other 2 ½ tribes because they build an altar on the other side of the Jordan River.

This was a problem because there was only supposed to be one altar in Shiloh.

Read – the response of the 9 ½ tribes in... **Joshua 22:12-20**

How did the 9 ½ tribes respond to the other 2 ½ tribes?

Though they were ready to go to war, why do you think they went to them and talked with them first?

Read – Joshua 22:19 again

What was the offer that was being made here?

What does this offer show about their concern for the other 2 ½ tribes?

Pastor Nate shared that this showed love and concern... offering some of their own land to help them not sin against the Lord.

How can we show similar love and concern for fellow Christians we think are tempted to sin against the Lord?

Pastor Nate shared how it is important we BELONG to the family of God so we are able to share love and concern for each other.

What does it mean to you to BELONG to the family of God?

How does this small group we are in help you feel like you belong?

What made you decide to be part of this group?

Read – **Genesis 2:18** - *And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone;”*

Proverbs 18:1 - *A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.*

What do these 2 verses say about a desire to keep to ourselves?

Why do you think it is NOT GOOD and UNWISE for us to be isolated and alone?

Pastor Nate shared how in the wild, lions attack animals who have strayed from the herd.

Read – **1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)** - *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

What does this verse teach us regarding the importance of BELONGING to the family of God?

Read – **Galatians 6:2-3 (NLT)** - *Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.*

How is helping others... “obeying the law of Christ”?

How can thinking we are important, hinder us from helping others?

Often, we wait for others to ask for help before we help. How can LOOKING for opportunities to help others be a better way of living?

Share a way you have been helped by the family of God?

CLOSING:

- Ask everyone to think of someone they can invite to this group
- Have them right down that person's name
- Encourage them to pray for this person and seek an opportunity to invite them to group sometime over this coming week