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Finding My Place Within The Church of Jesus Christ

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Leading people into a meaningful relationship
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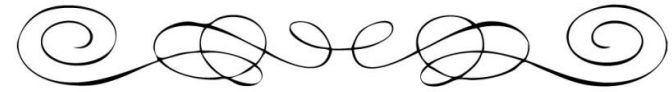
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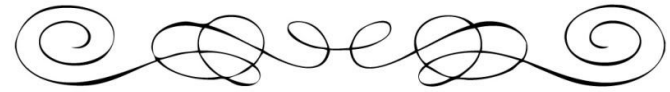
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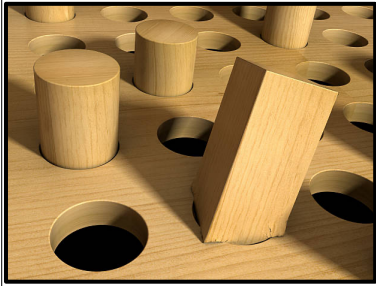
Family Discussion Sheet (Continued)

“Digging Deeper”



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1. There are many people that make up a local church. Some contribute significantly, others take. Some attend regularly and serve, others struggle to show up and tend to never “find their place”. They might even describe their experience of trying to fit into the local church as a “square peg in a round hole.” Why do you think that is and what do you think can be done to address this dilemma?



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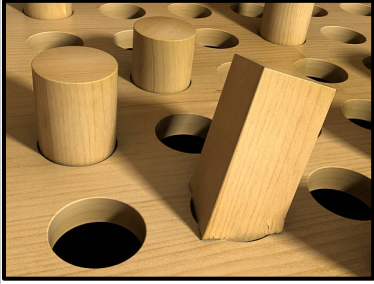
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