

# Group Questions – *Belong: Week 1*

01/11/26 – Pastor Kirby

## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- What was your favorite game to play as a kid?
- When was the last time you went out to eat somewhere new/different? What was that experience like? Would you go back? Why or why not.

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something from the teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Companies often have mantras/slogans. Which ones stick out to you and what do you think their mission is based on that? Ex... Subway, eat fresh; McDonalds, I'm lovin it
- Our mantra/slogan is...“Live. Hope.” When you hear it what comes to mind? Does it help you understand how to respond?
- The purpose statement of our Church says “We exist to demonstrate the Living Hope of Jesus to our community and to our world.”
- **READ:** 1 Peter 1:3-4a
- How do you define “Hope”? How do you define “Hopeless”?
- Share a time where you felt each of these.
- The 4 stages of faith/discipleship are...1) Belong 2) Believe 3) Become 4) Behave
- Pastor Kirby said ‘everyone has a desire to belong somewhere or with someone, and if you say you don’t then it’s probably because you’re already accepted into it.’
- Talk about a time you were somewhere new and you felt out of place. Maybe a party, get together, a hospital etc. Do you have an experience of this within a Church? What made you feel out of place and how did you was the experience overall?
- Do you have an experience (Church, business, place etc) in which you visited or went and you really felt “seen” or helped? Share it
- **READ:** Luke 19:1-10
- What sticks out to you as you read this story, either for the first time or again? (Maybe read it again, in a different translation)
- Pastor Kirby said “We (Church People) expect people to act like Jesus when they don’t know Jesus yet.”. In what ways do we (Church people) do this with guests who come?

## *Application Questions:*

- Pastor Kirby asked **what will people experience when they come to Living Hope looking for the hope of God?**
- How will you answer this? Think of your co-worker, friend, family member and they come for the first time, what do you want them to experience?
- What are some practical things we (LH Church) can do to show people they can come and just belong? Share with Kirby and let’s see if we can’t make an even better experience together!
- How can you individually, or your small group “Live Hope” in your community this week?