

Discussion Guide

Belong

As A Group...

- 1. SPEND SOME TIME SHARING WITH EACH OTHER AND PRAISING GOD FOR WHAT HE IS DOING IN YOUR LIFE.
- 2. TAKE SOME TIME TO SHARE WHAT GOD IS TEACHING YOU.
- 3. TAKE SOME TIME TO SHARE WHAT YOU'RE ASKING GOD TO DO IN YOUR LIFE AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

- I. Read Ephesians 2:11-22.
- 2. Based on your life experience, what have you experienced or observed as a "process of joining the church"? Would you say that the way you've experienced churches allow people to join is biblically healthy?
- 3. Why is baptism—even the way in which we are baptized—so important?
- 4. In the sermon, Pastor Daniel said that our baptism not only identifies us with Christ but it identifies and unites us with other baptized believers. Is this view of baptism something you've considered before? How does it change—or shape—your understanding of church membership?
- 5. What are your thoughts on the statement—"Church membership is not for perfect people but for repentant people"? What does it mean that members of a church are to walk in repentance and bear fruit?
- 6. Do you think the standard for church membership is too high or too low? Why? Do you believe that it negatively or positively affects the health of the local church?
- 7. What is one thing God taught you through this passage and sermon?