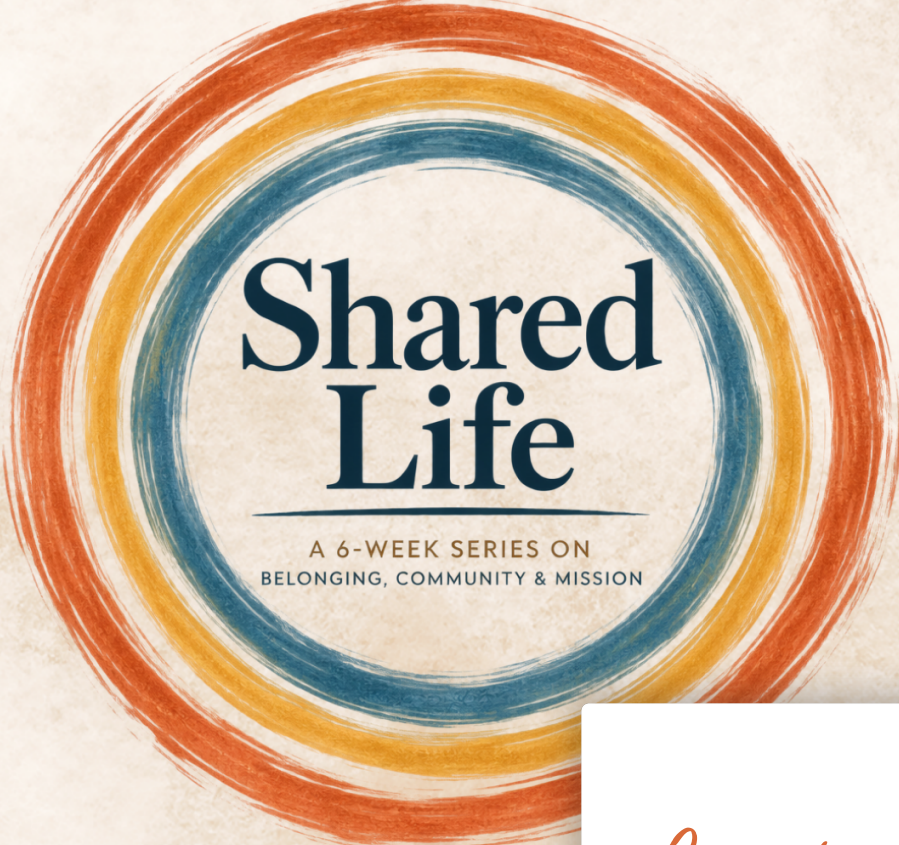




Shared Life

A 6-WEEK SERIES ON
BELONGING, COMMUNITY & MISSION

Share the Table

**I give the right
relationships the
right attention.**

TEACHING SUMMARY

Loneliness and disconnection are everywhere. Even when we're surrounded by people, many of us still long to be known, understood, and connected in a deeper way. But meaningful relationships rarely happen by accident.

The New Testament gives us a picture of community where people are more than familiar faces in the same room. They share life together.

Jesus invites us to move beyond simply asking, "Who is making room for me?" and instead become people who create belonging wherever we go.

ICEBREAKER

What's your go-to meal when company comes over?

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-27

+ others in teaching video



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. How would you explain why healthy community is so hard to come by, when Genesis reveals we were created for it?
2. Which group size is most absent from your life: Intimate (2-5), Kin (15-30), Village (150), or Tribe (150+).
3. When does individualism go too far and what examples have you seen at play around you, or even in your own life?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. Share about a season you felt a strong sense of belonging in a community. What made that experience memorable for you?
5. What's your primary feeling around living more deeply in community? Excitement? Hesitance? Fear?
6. What's the main barrier you face to living in greater community?

WRITING A NEW STORY

THIS WEEK'S EXERCISE: **Share a meal together with a few others.**

Who will you invite? Your group? Family friends? Someone you'd like to know better?

Where will you meet? In a home is warmest, but restaurants can make it easier.

What can they bring? Allow everyone to have skin in the game.

How often? What if it became a regular thing with the same people?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Jesus Christ, you have called us your family, giving us a place to belong. Help us to make room for one another at the table of your love; in our homes, in our schedules, and in our hearts. Amen.

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