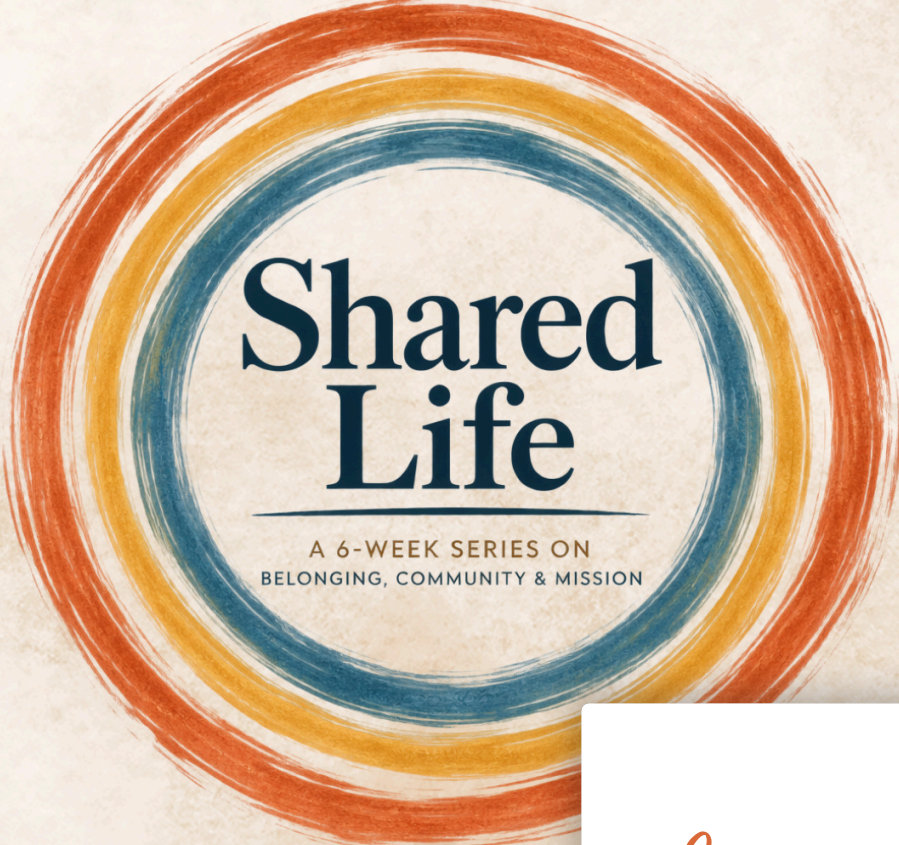




Shared Life

A 6-WEEK SERIES ON
BELONGING, COMMUNITY & MISSION

Share the Gift

**I'm committed and
am playing the
long game.**

■ 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 the quickest you've ever realized, "Yeah, this isn't going anywhere"? (Could be a date, job, hobby, etc.)

■ SCRIPTURE

■ **1 Corinthians 3:1-4**

■ + others in teaching video



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. What's encouraging and/or discouraging about considering the successes & failures of the early church?
2. In your opinion, what kinds of things have always made it hard to stay committed to Christian community?
3. Why would longterm Christian relationship uniquely help us grow?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. What's your best conflict resolution tip?
5. What stood out to you about the six-stage Cycle of Community: Honeymoon > Apathy > Frustration > Acceptance > Re-engagement > Health?
6. Can you tell us about a longterm Christian relationship that has proven formational in your life?

WRITING A NEW STORY

THIS WEEK'S EXERCISE: **Personal next steps strategy.**

Imagine. In 3-5 years, what do you hope your relationships look like?

Names. Ask the Holy Spirit for names of people in your life with whom you'd like to become more intentional.

Next Steps. What simple steps can you take toward more consistent presence with those people?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Help us Father, to be real with each other and to persevere with one another as we pursue your presence, your kingdom, your love. Amen.

