

# WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

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## The Call To Belong

God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation. Hebrews 2:10

### Foundational Truths:

I) The second purpose of my life is that God \_\_\_\_\_ me for His \_\_\_\_\_.

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5

II) God's family is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

Although I hope I can come to you soon, I am writing these things to you now. Then, even if I am delayed, you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth. 1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NCV)

III) I am called to \_\_\_\_\_ to His church.

A) Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)

B) And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. Romans 1:6

"Ecclesia" (church) = "The \_\_\_\_\_ Out."

### The Benefits of Belonging:

(Metaphors in the Bible to Describe the Church)

I) A \_\_\_\_\_.

A) In God's family I learn my true \_\_\_\_\_.

B) Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)

C) So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. Hebrews 2:11

II) A \_\_\_\_\_.

A) Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives

in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

- B) In God's temple I'm \_\_\_\_\_ by others.
- C) In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV)
- D) When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. Romans 1:12

III) A \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27
- B) In Christ's body I discover my unique \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others. Romans 12:4-5 (TLB)
- D) If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? 1 Corinthians 12:15-16
- E) So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. Ephesians 4:25

IV) A \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:3
- B) Psalm 23:1-6
- C) John 10:11-15
- D) In God's flock I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for.
- E) Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. 1 Peter 5:2
- F) Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. Hebrews 13:17
- G) Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2
- H) So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

V) A \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the

branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5

B) In God's garden my life becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:21