

I Found - Week 2

I Found Belonging

The first thing that mankind saw when He came alive was another person.

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)—And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:15-18 (NKJV)—Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” 18 And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

NOTICE: God gave Adam a Purpose, a Perimeter and another Person.

It wasn't enough that Adam only had a relationship with God; God wanted him to have a relationship with people (It is not good for man to be alone).

The Christian experience is a group experience.

1 Corinthians 12:27—You are the Body of Christ and members individually.

1 Corinthians 12:26—if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it.

We can't numb ourselves to the pain of others.

We were created with a desire to belong.

There is something permanently etched on our hearts, “it is not good for man to be alone.”

Belonging is always connected to ownership, and ownership requires that someone pay a price.

We must be willing to pay a price for the sake of others.

Sacrifice speaks to everyone; it's the universal language of care.

To make a sacrifice for others simply means to put their needs before yours.

When we make sacrifices for others by putting their needs before ours it says to them is the clearest way possible, “you matter; you belong!”

It's not enough for us to come to church—coming to church doesn't guarantee belonging.

You can have friends and not belong.

You can live in a home and not belong.

You can be physically safe and provided for but still not feel like you belong.

To belong, we need to know and be known by others.

Proverbs 18:24—For a man to have friends, he must first show himself to be friendly (doesn't just happen).

Hebrews 10:25 (TPT)—25 This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.

This network of relationships strengthens us as a church and provides a home and a place of belonging for those who are in need.

There is no network of relationships without relationships.

Belonging makes a nobody feel like a somebody.

Jesus makes the nobodies feel like somebodies.

Who are you making feel like somebody?

Who are you making feel important?

Who are you making feel like they belong?

At Crosspointe, we are going to make sure that everybody feels like a somebody.

It's not what you have that is going to get you through, but who you have.