

Belong Facilitator Guide

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A Brief Note to You, Our Facilitators

Before we begin, thank you.

Thank you for stepping into this vital role of leading the Belong Class. Your investment of time, energy, and heart into guiding others through their journey of faith and belonging at our church is a testament to your love for God and His Church. As you facilitate these sessions, know that you are part of something eternal—helping individuals to experience the love of God and to step into belonging in the church community.

Your Role Matters. You are not just leading discussions; you are creating a safe, welcoming environment for people to encounter God’s truth and grace. The space you cultivate allows participants to ask questions, wrestle with ideas, and take meaningful steps in their walk with Christ and belonging in the church. Thank you for being present, attentive, and prayerful as you steward this responsibility.

Be Encouraged. God is with you. Remember, you don’t lead alone. The Holy Spirit is guiding you and working through you to touch lives. Your impact is eternal. The seeds planted during these classes may bear fruit in ways you may never fully see—but know that God is using you to make a difference. You are equipped. You have plenty of resources available to support you in this journey: the videos, workbook, and this guide are tools to help you succeed. Lean on them, but more importantly, lean on God as you prepare and facilitate.

As you lead, may you be reminded of God’s faithfulness in your own life. May your time preparing and facilitating deepen your love for Him and strengthen your confidence in His work in you.

We are praying for you and are grateful for your partnership in this mission of gospel saturation. You are making a difference in the lives of others, and we are honored to serve alongside you.

With gratitude and encouragement,
Your Pastoral Team and Equip Team

INTRODUCTION TO BELONG

Welcome to Belong! We're so glad you're here as we embark on this journey together. **Belong** is designed to help you explore what it means to be part of the Church, both globally and here at The Chapel. Over the next three weeks, we'll take a deeper look into who we are as a Church, how you can find your place within the body of Christ, and how we can live on mission together.

At The Chapel, our mission is simple yet profound: *Ensuring every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear and see the Gospel of Jesus Christ.* This mission shapes everything we do. We believe that every follower of Christ has a unique role in fulfilling this mission, and these classes are designed to help you understand how you can live it out.

Each class is 75 minutes, focused on the mission of God and what it means to belong to the church family. There will be approximately 30 minutes of video instruction, 30 minutes of interaction and discussion, and approximately 10 minutes to cover logistics and next steps. The class is led by you - the facilitator - and includes table discussion and independent reflection. The workbook will be used during and outside of class for this content.

This guide includes facilitator notes and prompts for each class, access to the videos, and the participant workbook with further facilitator instructions. You can also find all referenced resources (and more) at thechapel.com/nextstepsfacilitator.

Practical Tips for Facilitators

- Have a timer or watch handy to ensure you stay on schedule.
- Encourage participants to engage but also respect those who may prefer to listen rather than speak during the icebreaker.
- During and after the video, transition smoothly into any follow-up discussion or teaching outlined in the workbook.

A couple of notes...

Attendance: At the beginning of each class, you should take attendance. You can take attendance through Planning Center Groups. This is most easily done through the Church Center App.

Completion form: At the end of each session, each participant will need to complete a form. The link is included in their workbook, but you should also make sure they have access to the link. This form will capture attendance for the class, will be a forum to provide feedback, and most importantly, will be a time for participants to reflect on class content.

Church Center App: Each week, encourage participants to download and use the [Church Center App](#). Through this app, you'll be able to communicate with your Begin cohort, and help participants to better connect with all that's happening at The Chapel.

Feedback: Again, thank you for being our boots on the ground. As you facilitate the class, we would love feedback. Visit thechapel.com/nextstepsfacilitator to give feedback on these classes, and to find all resources associated with the next steps process.

Thank you for your ministry - we can't do this without you. Let's begin!

WEEK 1: WHO WE ARE

Session Overview

This session explores the mission, vision, and values of The Chapel, rooted in the Gospel and God's call for the Church. We'll examine the history of The Chapel, its statement of faith, and its structure and governance, providing a foundation for understanding our identity as a local church. Together, we'll reflect on how the gospel shapes our mission to ensure every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear and see the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Start with a warm welcome (2 minutes):

- Introduce yourself & ask others to introduce themselves
 - Take attendance in GROUPS as participants are introducing themselves.
 - Each Belong cohort will have a specific group. You will be the leader of the group.
- “Welcome to Week 1 of Belong! I’m so glad each of you is here today. This class is designed to first and foremost, help us know God and His mission more. But it’s also designed to help us understand the Chapel - where we’ve come from and where we’re going! Whether you’re new to faith or have been walking with God for years, there’s something here for everyone.”
- “Over the next few weeks, we’ll focus on what it means to belong at The Chapel - how to grow closer to God here, as part of this church community, how to serve, get connected to other believers, and how to live on mission together.”

Set expectations for the class (1 minute):

- “This is a safe space to ask questions, share insights, and learn together. There’s no pressure to have all the answers—we’re all here to grow.”
- “Each week, we’ll watch a video, reflect on the teaching, and engage in discussion and activities. The goal is to take what we learn and apply it to our lives.”

Introduce the workbook (1 minute):

- Explain the workbook’s purpose
 - “The workbook is your companion for this class. It includes teaching summaries, reflection prompts, and daily Scripture readings and prayer prompts for you to engage with throughout the week. You’ll also find a clear next step for you to take each week.”
 - Walk them through the structure:
 - “The workbook follows a weekly rhythm: opening discussion, teaching notes (and a place for you to take notes), a clear next step, and practice and reflection. Each section builds on the last, so I encourage you to engage with it throughout the week.”

Icebreaker (5 minutes)

- Before we begin, let's take a moment to get to know each other. Share your name, and answer a some of these questions as you feel comfortable:
 - *What drew you to attending *Belong*?*
 - *What drew you to *The Chapel*, and what has been the most meaningful part of your experience so far?*
 - *When you think about the Church as a whole, what comes to mind about its purpose and mission?*

Introduction to the Video (1 minute)

- Set the stage for the teaching:
 - Today's video is all about who we are at The Chapel. As you watch, I encourage you to take notes in your workbook. Turn to page ** in your workbook, and find the teaching section. Also on page **, you'll find a blank page to take notes."
- Provide a brief transition:
 - "Let's turn our attention to the screen now."

Teaching

PLAY VIDEO

FACILITATOR NOTE: during the introduction to the video, Austin & Kori will prompt discussion. Pause the video, and encourage discussion at the tables. This should be about a 2-3 minute discussion. After 2-3 minutes, pull the room back together and continue the video.

DISCUSS

- *What excites you most about being part of a church community?*

Section 1: Church History

The Chapel's story began in 1961 with a small group of believers committed to saturating their community with the Gospel. Over the decades, The Chapel has grown into a multi-campus church with a clear mission to ensure that every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear and see the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, The Chapel continues to expand its impact through geographic intentionality, community outreach, church planting, and partnerships.

Key Points:

- Founding Vision (1961):
 - Established as the Metropolitan Chapel of Buffalo by a committed group of believers.
 - The founding mission focused on gospel saturation and disciple-making in their community.
- Growth and Expansion (1990s - current):

- Transitioned into The Chapel with an emphasis on regional outreach.
- Relocated to the CrossPoint campus in Getzville to better serve Western New York.
- Expanded to multiple campuses to effectively reach more people across the region.
- Current Mission:
 - Operates as one church in four locations, united under a single mission: gospel saturation.
 - Values geographic intentionality, with campuses serving specific communities while advancing the same vision.
 - Beyond Sunday services, The Chapel engages in community outreach, church planting, leadership development, and strategic partnerships to make a lasting impact.
- Your Role:
 - Every member of The Chapel contributes to the mission of gospel saturation in Western New York and beyond.
 - As part of this growing story, you are invited to play a vital role in helping others encounter the Gospel and experience its life-changing power.

Section 2: The Gospel and its Influence on Mission

The gospel is the foundation of The Chapel’s identity, mission, and vision. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the gospel reveals God’s grace, reconciling humanity to Him and transforming every aspect of life. This good news drives The Chapel’s efforts to create disciples who live out the truth of the gospel, impacting their homes, communities, and the world.

Key Points:

- The Gospel’s Message:
 - The Gospel proclaims reconciliation with God through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.
 - It is a message of grace, emphasizing God’s love and forgiveness rather than human works.
 - This truth shapes every aspect of The Chapel’s mission and vision.
- Mission and Gospel Saturation:
 - The Gospel provides the “why” behind The Chapel’s mission to ensure every man, woman, and child hears and sees the Gospel.
 - This mission aligns with God’s desire that all people come to know Him (1 Timothy 2:3-4).
 - Gospel saturation goes beyond conversion, focusing on creating disciples who live out their faith and transform their environments.
- Gospel-Centered Ministry:
 - The Gospel is foundational for both unbelievers and believers, fostering ongoing growth.
 - It compels love for God and others, as seen in Matthew 22:37-39.

- Every ministry effort—from community outreach to Sunday gatherings—reflects the holistic call of the Gospel to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- Partnerships and Global Vision:
 - Through Kingdom Come, The Chapel collaborates with churches and ministries to advance the Gospel beyond local borders.
 - These partnerships mobilize resources and people to reach unreached areas and underserved populations.
 - The Gospel inspires The Chapel to fulfill the Great Commission, making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).
- The Gospel's Central Role:
 - The Gospel is not merely a starting point but the foundation, fuel, and focus of The Chapel's mission.
 - It unites the church in purpose, transforms lives, and glorifies God as His love is shared with the world.

FACILITATOR NOTE: at the end of section 2, the video will transition into an interview with Pastor Jerry. At the end of the interview, Austin will prompt discussion. Pause the video, and encourage discussion at tables. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, pull everyone back together and continue the video.

Discussion Prompts (these prompts can be found on page ** of the workbook):

- *How does knowing the gospel influence how you interact with your family, coworkers, or neighbors?*
- *What specific opportunities do you have in your daily life to reflect Christ's love and share the Gospel?*
- *What steps can you take this week to intentionally live out the mission of gospel saturation in your life?*

Section 3: Our Beliefs and Values

At The Chapel, our beliefs are grounded in God's Word and shape everything we do as a church. These beliefs, reflected in our statement of faith, provide the foundation for our mission of gospel saturation and our values as a local church. By exploring these core truths, we deepen our understanding of who God is, what He has done, and how we are called to live as His people.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video, and facilitate the exercise. The exercise can be found on page ** of the workbook. Encourage them to spend about 10 minutes reviewing the statement of beliefs and finding Scripture to support each belief. They will likely not get through the entire exercise in 10 minutes - encourage everyone to read through the whole statement of beliefs and then encourage them to find as much Scripture as they have time for. If a group does finish early, there are a few reflection questions related to the statement of beliefs - encourage the table to discuss these questions. If time doesn't allow

for this discussion, encourage the group to revisit the statement of beliefs this week, and to reflect on the questions provided. We will provide a key following the exercise. After 10 minutes, pull back together, and continue the video.

STATEMENT OF BELIEFS EXERCISE

Instructions: *Review our Statement of Beliefs. Open your Bible, and for each statement, identify at least one Scripture reference that supports it. Note the scripture reference in your workbook.*

Statement of Beliefs

BIBLE

We believe the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) is God's Word to us. Although written through human authors, the Holy Spirit supernaturally guided its writing. The Bible is inspired by God, which literally means that the Scripture is God-breathed. It is free of error in its original writings and is our final authority in all areas of life.

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 119:160, MATTHEW 4:4, 2 TIMOTHY 3:16, JOHN 5:39

GOD

We believe in the one true God. God has eternally existed in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. They are three, and yet one; distinct, and yet the same. This mysterious union of co-equal persons is what we call the Trinity.

- **Father:** He is the creator and ruler of everything. Before the world was created, the Father planned to send his Son, Jesus, to redeem mankind. God is all-knowing, so nothing that happens surprises him; in fact, everything in human history works together to accomplish his good plan for the world.
- **Son:** Jesus is God the Son. He is the Messiah (or, Christ) that was promised to Israel. Because Jesus is God, he is eternal. He came to earth, was supernaturally conceived through the Holy Spirit, and born through Mary, who was a virgin. He lived a sinless life but was crucified according to God's plan of redemption. Jesus defeated death (the greatest enemy) by his bodily resurrection. Hundreds of people were eyewitnesses and saw Jesus alive. After this, he ascended into Heaven, where he exists in a glorified body. Jesus now acts as our advocate and intercedes for us with God the Father.
- **Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is not just a force or a power, but the actual Spirit of God. He convicts the world of sin, leads us to right-living, and warns of impending judgment. He is a deposit in the life of every believer, guaranteeing our future inheritance – eternal life. The Spirit empowers the preaching, teaching, and understanding of the Gospel. We receive gifts from the Spirit that enable us to build up the body of believers and work towards the mission of God in our world.

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 3:16-18, 28:19-20, 1 CORINTHIANS 8:6, 2 CORINTHIANS 3:14, HEBREWS 9:14

PEOPLE

We believe that mankind was created in the image of God as male and female. The first man and woman (Adam and Eve) sinned, and as a result, they would experience physical death and spiritual death – which is separation from God. Since each human being is their descendant, we are all born with a sinful nature. Our natural inclination is to sin (for example, no one had to teach us how to lie), and we sin with our thoughts, our words, and our actions. This sin has severed our relationship with God, and unless it is dealt with, will result in eternal death and separation from him.

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1:26-28, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:22, 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14, ROMANS 5:12, 14, 17, ROMANS 6:23

SALVATION

We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world. The death and wrath that Jesus experienced is what we rightly deserve because of sin, but he is our substitute. Everyone who puts their faith completely and totally in Jesus are declared, “Not Guilty,” by God because of Jesus’ sacrifice. Everyone who receives Jesus by faith experiences new life. The Bible refers to this as “a second birth” or as being “born again.” For all who do this, they become God’s children and receive eternal life.

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:12, JOHN 3:3-8, JOHN 10:28, ROMANS 8:31-39, GALATIANS 2:15-16, EPHESIANS 2:8-9, PHILIPPIANS 1:6, 1 PETER 1:3-5, 1 JOHN 2:1-2, 1 JOHN 4:9-10

LAST THINGS

We believe in the existence of a personal devil. He has several titles and names, all describing how wicked and rebellious he is: the deceiver, the accuser (the literal meaning of Satan), a liar from the beginning, and the Enemy of our souls. He seeks to destroy the lives and souls of people, just as he did in the beginning with Adam and Eve. God permits the Enemy to have a certain amount of power and influence in the world, but it is limited. One day, God will judge Satan and all his demons, along with everyone who rejects Jesus. They will suffer because God will not shrug off their unrepentant wickedness. Their punishment is too terrible for words, but the Bible says they will eternally be punished in a lake of fire.

We believe that the blessed hope of believers is the imminent return and appearance of Jesus. We long to see him, because he is our Savior. After this, he will set up a Kingdom that will never be destroyed or overturned.

We believe in the future, bodily resurrection of all humanity. For those who belong to Jesus, they will live with God forever when Heaven is joined with a redeemed earth. For those who reject Jesus, they will be separated from God in Hell forever. In this final act of mercy, God gives them what they’ve always wanted: to be independent of him.

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 24:27-31, MATTHEW 25:31, JOHN 8:44, 1 JOHN 3:8, 1 THESSALONIANS 3:13, 1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-16, 2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10, REVELATION 19:11-22:21

THE CHURCH

We believe in the Church, which is made up of all believers in Jesus Christ throughout the world. The Bible refers to the Church as the Body and the Bride of Christ. We belong to him. Our mission is God's mission: to preach the Gospel of Jesus in the whole world, and announce that people can be reconciled to God.

We believe in the local church, which is one expression of the larger Body of believers. Those who belong to the local church have a responsibility to make an investment there with their time, skills, resources, and money.

We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Communion) are to be a regular and integral part of the local church. We baptize with immersion because it symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We celebrate the Lord's Supper to remember Christ's sacrifice for us. The bread and the cup are the symbols of the new covenant, representing Jesus' body and blood.

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 26:26-30, MATTHEW 28:18-20, ACTS 1:8, ACTS 20:28, ROMANS 6:3-4, 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26, 1 CORINTHIANS 12, COLOSSIANS 1:18, COLOSSIANS 2:12, EPHESIANS 4:11-13, EPHESIANS 5:22-33, 1 TIMOTHY 3:15, 1 PETER 3:21-22

REFLECT

- *How does grounding these beliefs in Scripture deepen your understanding of them?*
- *Which belief resonated with you most, and why?*
- *How can these truths shape the way you live out your faith daily?*

The Four Outcomes

At The Chapel, discipleship is about growing in Christlikeness and living on mission to reach every man, woman, and child with the Gospel. Four outcomes—intimacy with God, Christlike relationships, spiritual gifts, and grace story—serve as key markers of spiritual growth and alignment with the Church's mission. These outcomes help us live out our faith authentically and make an impact for God's kingdom.

Intimacy with God:

- A close, personal relationship with Jesus is essential to the Christian life.
- Grows through practices like prayer, Scripture reading, worship, and fellowship.
- Aligns our lives with God's will and equips us to live missionally.

Christlike Relationships:

- Encourages authentic connections marked by love, forgiveness, encouragement, and accountability.
- Challenges us to reflect Christ in how we relate to people and steward our resources.
- Asks the question: *How would Jesus live my life if He were me?*

Spiritual Gifts:

- God uniquely equips every believer with gifts to serve the Church and advance the Gospel.
- These gifts are for building up the body of Christ, not personal benefit.
- Helps individuals contribute meaningfully to the Church's mission and growth.

Grace Story:

- Every believer has a unique story of God's transformative grace.
- Sharing these stories testifies to God's love and power, encouraging others in their faith.
- Your grace story is a tool for pointing others to Christ and glorifying Him.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video, and facilitate discussion. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *What practices have helped you deepen your personal relationship with God? How does prioritizing time with God change the way you approach your day-to-day life?*
- *What makes a relationship "Christlike"? How have you experienced this in your church community?*
- *Have you identified your spiritual gifts? What are some practical steps you can take to discover or better use your spiritual gifts?*
- *Have you shared your grace story with anyone? What was the experience like and how did it impact you and the other person?*

Section 4: Structure and Governance

The Chapel's governance model reflects biblical principles of accountability, unity, and shared responsibility. It combines strong leadership with active congregational involvement to faithfully pursue the mission of reaching every man, woman, and child with the Gospel. This structure fosters transparency, collaboration, and a commitment to glorify God and serve the community.

Key Points:

- Leadership Structure:

- Overseers serve as a board providing spiritual and financial accountability, prayer, and encouragement to the pastoral staff.
- Pastoral staff, including the Lead Pastor and campus pastors, shepherd the congregation and oversee ministry operations.
- Deacons meet practical needs within the Church body, ensuring care and resources are distributed effectively.
- Congregational Involvement:
 - Members vote on key decisions, such as affirming board members.
 - Serve in ministry roles, reflecting the value of every believer's contribution to the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).
 - Support the Church's mission through time, skills, and financial resources.
- Purpose of Governance:
 - Ensures unity and accountability among leaders and members.
 - Empowers The Chapel to fulfill its mission of gospel saturation locally and beyond.

Wrap up (5 minutes)

Response Form

- "Before we close, I want to encourage you to fill out the response form. It's a great way for us to stay connected and for you to share any questions, insights, or prayer requests you have after today's session."
 - *It can be found in your workbook via QR code. The link is thechapel.com/belongone*
- "Please fill it out now! It should only take a minute or two!"

Church Center App

- "If you haven't already, I encourage you to download the Church Center app. It's a helpful tool for staying updated with what's happening at our church, connecting to groups and events, and managing your involvement."
 - If you need help downloading the App, I'm happy to help you!
- "It's a great way to stay plugged in, and I'd love for you to explore it this week! You will also have access to Belong resources and our Belong group via this app."

Next Step

- "Turn to page ** of your workbook. We are encouraging you to take a next step this week - find a gospel-centered community. We have plenty of community groups available here at the Chapel that we'd love to help you get connected to this week. If you don't feel fully ready to take that step, we just want to help you take a step to get connected to other believers. So come talk to me, or others, to help you get connected to community."

Practice and Reflection Section

- “As we go into the week, I encourage you to spend time in the *Practice & Reflection* section of your workbook. This includes Daily Scripture readings and prayer prompts to help you grow closer to God.”

Reminder of Next Week

- “Finally, don’t forget that our next session is next week at the same time and place. This week we talked about who we are - next week, we’ll talk about how you fit into the mission of The Chapel.”
- Close in prayer
- “I can’t wait to see you all next week. If you have any questions or need anything between now and then, feel free to reach out!”

Next Step

This week, take a next step to belonging at The Chapel.

Are you currently in gospel-centered community? If not, let us help you find a community group!

Visit thechapel.com/joinagroup and fill out the Community Group interest form.

Practice & Reflection

This week, take some time to practice what you’ve learned and to spend time in reflection.

Daily Reading & Prayer Plan

Each day includes a short passage from Scripture, a reflection question to help engage with the text, and prayer prompt. As you prepare to engage the Scripture daily, consider the following steps:

1. Read - read the passage slowly - consider reading it 2-3 times, and reading it out loud at least once
2. Observe - ask questions of the text. Who wrote this text? Who are they writing to? What’s happening? Where is this happening? When? Write down your observations.
3. Interpret - based off the observations you just made, what is the intended meaning of this text?
4. Apply - Consider how you should respond to what you’ve read. Answer the reflection prompt provided if that’s helpful
5. Pray - thank God for what He’s shown you, and pray to faithfully live it out. Use the provided prayer prompts to guide you.

Day 1: Matthew 28:11-20

- *Reflection Question: How does Jesus' command to go and make disciples impact the way you live out your faith and share it with others.*

- *Prayer: God, I pray for boldness and opportunities to share the Gospel with others. Thank you for your presence in my life. Give me guidance in fulfilling the Great Commission.*

Day 2: Matthew 22:34-46

- *Reflection Question: How can you deepen your love for God and others in practical ways today?*
- *Prayer: God, help me to love you with my whole being, and to love others selflessly. I pray for opportunities to live out these commands in my relationships and daily actions.*

Day 3: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

- *Reflection Question: How do these qualities of leadership challenge you in your own walk with God and in your role within the church community?*
- *Prayer: God, give me wisdom and strength to embody these qualities in my life. Raise up leaders in our church who reflect your character and who continue to grow in integrity and service.*

Day 4: Acts 2:29-47

- *Reflection Question: How can you cultivate a deeper sense of community and devotion to God's Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers?*
- *Prayer: Jesus, thank you for the gift of community in the church. I pray for a heart that is committed to growing in fellowship, prayer, and service, and for the church to continue growing in faith and love.*

Day 5: Ephesians 2:1-22

- *Reflection Question: How does the truth that Christ has brought you from death to life and reconciled you to God and others change the way you view your identity and relationships?*
- *Prayer: God, thank you for your grace and for reconciling me through Christ. I pray for a deeper understanding of my unity with others in the body of Christ. Help me to live out your grace and reconciliation in my relationships.*

Day 6: Philippians 3:1-14

- *Reflection Question: What are some things you might need to let go of in order to pursue Christ more fully?*
- *Prayer: God, help me to press on toward the goal of knowing you more deeply. I pray for the strength to let go of anything hindering my relationship with Christ and to focus on eternity.*

Day 7: Matthew 24:36-44

- *Reflection Question: How can you live today in a way that reflects your readiness for Christ's return?*

- *Prayer: God, I pray for a heart that is always prepared for Christ's return, living with urgency and faithfulness. Help me to stay watchful and focused on His purposes as you await His coming.*

WEEK 2: YOUR PLACE HERE

Session Overview

Every believer is uniquely gifted to serve and contribute to the Church's mission of gospel saturation. This session emphasizes the importance of using our spiritual gifts, practicing stewardship, and engaging in Christlike community. By serving in the Church and fostering meaningful relationships, we align our lives with God's purposes and actively participate in building His Kingdom. Together, we find our place in the life and mission of The Chapel.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Start with a warm welcome (2 minutes)

- Introduce yourself and set the tone:
 - "Welcome to Week 2 of Belong! I'm so glad each of you is here today. This class is designed to help us continue growing in our faith and to get connected to the church body. Whether you're new to faith or have been walking with God for years, there's something here for everyone, and there's a place here for everyone."
 - "Over these weeks, we're focusing on what it means to belong to this local church body. Last week, we explored who we are as a church, and today we'll dive into your role within the church and how you can find community here within the church."
- Ask participants to introduce themselves:
 - "Before we jump in, let's take a moment to introduce ourselves. Share your name, and as we're doing this, I'll also take attendance in our group."

Set Expectations for the Class (1 minute)

- "This is a safe space to ask questions, share insights, and learn together. There's no pressure to have all the answers—we're all here to grow."
- "Each week, we'll watch a video, reflect on the teaching, and engage in discussion and activities. The goal is to take what we learn and apply it to our lives."

Introduction to the Workbook (1 minute)

- Explain the purpose:
 - "The workbook is your companion for this class. It includes teaching summaries, reflection prompts, and daily Scripture readings and prayer prompts for you to engage with during the week. It also has space for journaling your thoughts."
- Walk them through the structure:
 - "The workbook follows a weekly rhythm: opening discussion, teaching notes (and a place for you to take notes), a clear next step, and practice and reflection. Each section builds on the last, so I encourage you to engage with it throughout the week."

Icebreaker (5 minutes)

- Get to know one another:
 - “Before we begin, let’s take a moment to connect with each other. Share your name and answer some of these questions as you feel comfortable. These questions can be found on page ** of your workbook.
 - *What did you learn last week? What did you learn through this week’s practice and reflection activities?*
 - *How has being part of a church or small group impacted your faith journey so far? If you’ve never been part of a small group, what’s held you back from joining one?*
 - *What unique gifts, skills, or passions do you feel God has given you to serve others?*

Introduction to the Video (1 minutes)

- Set the stage for the teaching:
 - “As I mentioned before, today’s video is all about your place here. We’ll explore what it means to get connected to community, ways to serve, the importance of generosity, and discuss church conduct. As you watch, I encourage you to take notes in your workbook.”
- Provide a brief transition:
 - “Let’s turn our attention to the screen now as we explore ways for you to belong, here at The Chapel.”

Teaching

PLAY VIDEO

FACILITATOR NOTE: during the introduction to the video, Austin & Kori will prompt discussion. A two minute timer will appear on the screen. Encourage discussion at the tables. The video will resume automatically. If you need longer than 2 minutes, pause the video for 2-3 more minutes.

DISCUSS

- *What are some ways you’ve seen God use your gifts or passions to bless others?*

Section 1: God Given Gifts

The Church exists to glorify God by making disciples who love God, love the Church, and love the world. Every believer has been uniquely equipped with spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit to serve the Church and fulfill this mission. These gifts are intentionally given to build up the body of Christ, glorify God, and share His love with the world.

Key Points:

- The Church is the body of Christ, called to equip believers for works of service and to build unity and maturity in faith (Ephesians 4:12-13).
- Spiritual gifts are empowered by the Holy Spirit for the common good, as outlined in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Romans 12:6-8, and Ephesians 4:11-13.
- Discovering your gifts involves prayer, reflection, input from others, experimentation with serving, and tools like spiritual gifts assessments.
- Examples of spiritual gifts include teaching, serving, encouragement, leadership, and generosity, all contributing to the Church's mission.
- Using your gifts strengthens the Church, glorifies God, and allows you to experience joy as part of His mission.

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DISCUSS

- *What gifts or passions has God given you?*
- *How might He be calling you to use them here at The Chapel?*

Section 2: Connecting to our Church

Being part of The Chapel means more than attending services—it's about connection and community. Whether through serving, joining a community group, or participating in support groups, there are many ways to find your place and live out your faith. Connection is foundational to growing in Christ and contributing to the mission of ensuring every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear and see the Gospel.

Key Points:

- **Serving Opportunities:** Engage in ministries like Kids/Students, Hospitality, Worship, Production, and care-focused teams like the Donation Hub, Go Team, or Congregational Care to live out your faith.
- **Community Groups:** Small gatherings for Bible discussion, prayer, life-sharing, and serving together, fostering encouragement, accountability, and Christlike relationships.
- **Support Groups & Counseling:** For those needing focused discipleship or healing, free biblical counseling and support groups are available as gospel-centered communities.
- **Spiritual Growth through Connection:** Serving and participating in groups helps build relationships, use spiritual gifts, and experience personal and spiritual growth.
- **Next Steps:** Visit the website, use The Chapel app, or talk to campus staff to explore groups and service opportunities. There's a place for everyone to belong and grow.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and encourage participants to write a response to the provided prompts. Give 1-2 minutes for participants to reflect and write their response. Then, encourage participants to discuss their responses. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. After discussion, pull the group back together, and continue the video. The video will transition into an interview. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

- *How could being part of a community group help you grow spiritually and connect more deeply with others?*
- *What is your next step to join a gospel-centered community?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video, and facilitate discussion. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

Where do your gifts and passions align with the needs of the Church?

What area of service are you most drawn to?

Section 3: Living out our Faith Through Generosity

Stewardship is the biblical responsibility of managing everything we have—time, talents, and resources—as gifts from God, to be used for His glory and purposes. It’s a lifestyle of trust, gratitude, and worship, aligning our lives with God’s mission and investing in His kingdom. At The Chapel, stewardship includes financial giving, serving with our talents, and offering our time to advance the Gospel and make an eternal difference.

Key Points:

- Everything we have belongs to God, and we are called to manage it faithfully for His purposes (Psalm 24:1).
- Giving reflects gratitude, trust in God’s provision, and joy as an act of worship (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- Practical options to give include text-to-give, in-person giving, Church Center app, or recurring gifts through the website.
- Stewardship also includes offering time (volunteering in ministries) and talents (using skills to serve others).

- Giving supports ministries like Chapel Kids, Chapel Students, Kingdom Come partnerships, impacts and fuels local, national and global partners, and supports church-wide resources to grow disciples and share the Gospel.
- Prayerfully consider how to use your time, talents, and resources as faithful stewards, aligning your life with God's mission.

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REFLECT & DISCUSS

- *What does stewardship look like in your life right now?*
- *Are there areas where God is inviting you to trust Him more and give generously?*
- *Write down one specific way you can practice stewardship this week, whether through giving financially, serving, or meeting a need in your community.*

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video, and facilitate discussion. This discussion should be about 3 minutes. After 3 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *How does generosity reflect God's character, and what does it mean for you to live generously?*

Section 4: Church Conduct

At The Chapel, membership is a commitment to living in a way that reflects Christ and fosters a healthy, holy Church community. Members are called to pursue personal holiness, unity, and love, recognizing that our conduct affects our relationship with God and the health of the Church. Unity, even amid

disagreement, is central to our shared mission, keeping Christ and the Gospel at the center of our relationships.

Key Points:

- Members are encouraged to pursue holiness, which includes growth in spiritual disciplines and living out the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Jesus prayed for unity (John 17:20-21), and members are called to prioritize Gospel-centered relationships, avoiding divisions over secondary issues.
- Handling Disagreements:
 - Listen with love and respect.
 - Approach conversations with humility.
 - Recognize whether the disagreement involves core Christian truths or secondary matters.
 - Speak honestly but gently, valuing the relationship over the issue.
 - Accept that it's okay to agree to disagree on non-essential matters.
- Unity doesn't mean uniformity; it means keeping Christ at the center, even when opinions differ.
- Our unity is a testimony to the love and truth of Jesus, demonstrating the transformative power of the Gospel.

Are there areas where you've allowed differences to create division? How can you contribute to unity in the Church this week?

Pursuing holiness

As members of The Chapel, we are called to pursue holiness and love, reflecting Christ's character in every aspect of our lives. Holiness is a continual journey of growing in Christlikeness, while love is the defining mark of a Christ-centered community. Restorative church discipline underscores the Church's commitment to accountability, care, and restoration, ensuring that sin is addressed in humility and love for the health of the individual and the Church body.

Key Points:

- Holiness
 - Holiness involves every aspect of life, from thoughts to actions, as we strive to reflect Christ (Titus 2:11-14).
 - Biblical calls to holiness include unity (Romans 14-15), diligence (1 & 2 Thessalonians), and family relationships (Ephesians 5:22-6:4).
 - Holiness is not about perfection but about progress, as the Holy Spirit transforms us.
- Loving One Another
 - Love is both a command and an identifying marker of the Church (John 13:34-35).
 - Biblical love is patient, kind, and selfless, as described in 1 Corinthians 13.

- "One another" commands in Scripture, such as encouraging (1 Thessalonians 5:11) and forgiving (Colossians 3:13), guide how we live out love within the Church.
- Restorative Church Discipline
 - Discipline is a pathway to accountability, love, and restoration.
 - It aims to address sin in humility, safeguard the Church's health, and call individuals back to Christ.
 - Discipline is not about perfection, legalism, or ignoring serious matters but about fostering a culture of mutual accountability and grace.

Wrap up (5 minutes)

Response Form

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Next Step

- "Turn to page ** of your workbook. We are encouraging you to take a next step this week - find a place to serve. We have plenty of service opportunities available here at the Chapel that we'd love to help you get connected to. Your simple first step is to visit thechapel.com/serve and fill out the service interest form.

Practice and Reflection Section

- "As we go into the week, I encourage you to spend time in the *Practice & Reflection* section of your workbook. This includes Daily Scripture readings and prayer prompts to help you grow closer to God."

Reminder of Next Week

- "Finally, don't forget that our next session is next week at the same time and place. We'll be exploring what it means to live on mission together as a church family."
- Close in prayer

- “I can’t wait to see you all next week. If you have any questions or need anything between now and then, feel free to reach out!”

Next Step

This week, take a next step to belonging at The Chapel.

As you reflect on your God-given gifts and passions, where can you joyfully serve in this season? Begin the process to serve at The Chapel.

Visit thechapel.com/serve and fill out the service interest form.

Practice & Reflection

This week, take some time to practice what you’ve learned and to spend time in reflection.

Daily Reading & Prayer Plan

Each day includes a short passage from Scripture, a reflection question to help engage with the text, and prayer prompt. As you prepare to engage the Scripture daily, consider the following steps:

1. Read - read the passage slowly - consider reading it 2-3 times, and reading it out loud at least once
2. Observe - ask questions of the text. Who wrote this text? Who are they writing to? What’s happening? Where is this happening? When? Write down your observations.
3. Apply - Consider how you should respond to what you’ve read. Answer the reflection prompt provided if that’s helpful
4. Pray - thank God for what He’s shown you, and pray to faithfully live it out. Use the provided prayer prompts to guide you.

Day 1: 1 John 3:1-10

- *Reflection Question:* What does it mean to you to be called a child of God, and how does that shape your identity?
- *Prayer:* Father, thank You for loving me so deeply that You call me Your child. Help me to live in a way that reflects my identity in You, turning from sin and embracing Your love and truth each day.

Day 2: Romans 8:31-39

- *Reflection Question:* How does this assurance of God’s love encourage you in moments of fear or doubt?
- *Prayer:* Lord, thank You for the unshakable promise of Your love. When I face fear or doubt, remind me that nothing can separate me from Your love and that I can rest securely in Your care.

Day 3: Psalm 136:1-12

- *Reflection Question:* How do you see God's steadfast love at work in your life today?
- *Prayer:* God, I thank You for Your enduring love that never fails. Help me to see the evidence of Your love in my life and give me a heart of gratitude for all You've done.

Day 4: John 15:9-17

- *Reflection Question:* What does it look like to remain in God's love daily? How can you love others in the same way?
- *Prayer:* Jesus, thank You for loving me with the same love the Father has for You. Teach me to remain in Your love and to show that love to others through my actions and words."

Day 5: Zephaniah 3:14-17

- *Reflection Question:* How does knowing that God delights in you change the way you view your relationship with Him?
- *Prayer:* Lord, thank You for rejoicing over me with love and delight. Help me to see myself through Your eyes and to rest in the truth of Your constant presence and care.

Day 6: Ephesians 3:14-21

- *Reflection Question:* What aspect of God's love stands out most to you, and how can you embrace it more fully in your life?
- *Prayer:* Father, I pray to know the vastness of Your love in my heart and mind. Fill me with the fullness of Your presence so that I may live boldly in the assurance of Your love."

Day 7: Isaiah 43:1-7

- *Reflection Question:* How does knowing you are God's treasured possession give you confidence and peace?
- *Prayer:* Lord, thank You for calling me by name and claiming me as Your own. Help me to trust in Your promises and to walk in the confidence that I am loved, redeemed, and precious to You."

WEEK 3: ON MISSION TOGETHER

Session Overview

This session focuses on the Church's call to live on mission, both individually and collectively. We'll unpack God's love for the world, the Great Commission, and how to engage in our spheres of influence, as well as explore Kingdom Come and global partnerships. It is primarily video based. The class is led by a facilitator, and includes table discussion and independent reflection. There is a workbook used during and outside of class for this content.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Start with a warm welcome (2 minutes)

- Introduce yourself and set the tone:
 - "Welcome to Week 3 of Belong! I'm so glad each of you is here today. This class is designed to help us continue growing in our faith and to get connected to the church body. Whether you're new to faith or have been walking with God for years, there's something here for everyone, and there's a place here for everyone."
 - "Over these weeks, we're focusing on what it means to belong to this local church body. We started off by exploring who we are as a church and then last week we discussed your role within the church. Today we'll dive into what it means to live on mission together."
- Ask participants to introduce themselves:
 - "Before we jump in, let's take a moment to introduce ourselves. Share your name, and as we're doing this, I'll also take attendance in our group."

Set Expectations for the Class (1 minute)

- "This is a safe space to ask questions, share insights, and learn together. There's no pressure to have all the answers—we're all here to grow."
- "Each week, we'll watch a video, reflect on the teaching, and engage in discussion and activities. The goal is to take what we learn and apply it to our lives."

Introduction to the Workbook (1 minute)

- Explain the purpose:
 - "The workbook is your companion for this class. It includes teaching summaries, reflection prompts, and daily Scripture readings and prayer prompts for you to engage with during the week. It also has space for journaling your thoughts."
- Walk them through the structure:
 - "The workbook follows a weekly rhythm: opening discussion, teaching notes (and a place for you to take notes), a clear next step, and practice and reflection. Each section builds on the last, so I encourage you to engage with it throughout the week."

Icebreaker (5 minutes)

- Get to know one another:
 - “Before we begin, let’s take a moment to connect with each other. Share your name and answer some of these questions as you feel comfortable. These questions can be found on page ** of your workbook.”
 - *What did you learn last week? What has God been teaching you throughout these past few weeks?*
 - *When you hear the word mission, what comes to mind? How do you think it applies to your everyday life?*
 - *Have you ever had a conversation about faith with someone who doesn’t believe in Jesus? What was that experience like?*

Introduction to the Video (1 minutes)

- Set the stage for the teaching:
 - “As I mentioned before, today’s video is all about living on mission. We’ll explore how to be intentional in sharing Christ’s love with those around us, how to share the gospel, and will discuss ways that we live on mission as a church. As you watch, I encourage you to take notes in your workbook.”
- Provide a brief transition:
 - “Let’s turn our attention to the screen now.”

Teaching

PLAY VIDEO

Section 1: God’s love for the world

God’s mission is rooted in His profound love for the world, which serves as the foundation of the Gospel and the Church’s calling. His love is universal, unconditional, and sacrificial, crossing all boundaries to bring salvation through Jesus Christ. The Great Commission reflects God’s desire for all people to know Him, calling believers to actively participate in His redemptive work locally, nationally, and globally.

Key Points

- God’s love spans all cultures, races, and nations, culminating in the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:16, Genesis 12:3)
- Biblical Demonstrations of God’s Love:
 - Creation: Humanity created in God’s image (Genesis 1:27).
 - Israel’s Calling: Israel as a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:6).
 - Jesus’ Life and Sacrifice: God’s love revealed in Jesus’ life, compassion, and sacrifice (Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:10).
- Believers are compelled to share God’s love, as emphasized in 1 John 4:19 and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
- The Chapel focuses on ensuring repeated opportunities to share the Gospel locally and beyond, inspired by Revelation 7:9.

- Practical ways to live out God's love:
 - Pray for the Nations: Seek God's guidance for opening hearts and sending Gospel workers.
 - Engage Locally: Build relationships with those in your community who don't know Jesus.
 - Support Missionaries and Ministries: Partner with organizations and individuals spreading the Gospel globally.
 - Live with Geographic Intentionality: Be intentional about sharing Christ in your unique sphere of influence.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video, and facilitate discussion. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. The discussion question can be found on page ** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *Read Revelation 7:9. This verse presents a vision of a diverse multitude worshiping God. How does this inspire your role in participating in God's mission, both locally and globally?*

Section 2: The Great Commission

The Great Commission is central to the mission of every believer and church, as Jesus calls His followers to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey His commands (Matthew 28:19-20). This commission will involve intentional action, relationship with others, discipleship, faithful teaching, and empowering believers to live as Christ's ambassadors in their communities and beyond. Through the promise of Jesus' presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, the Great Commission becomes both a privilege and a responsibility for ALL believers.

Key Points

- "Go": The call to action involves intentional engagement in our current contexts and readiness to reach people globally as God leads.
- "Make Disciples": Discipleship is fostering faith growth and guiding others to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers. This will often include a relational component to it.
- "Baptize": Baptism symbolizes unity with Christ and publicly identifies believers with the Church.
- "Teach": Teaching equips believers to know and live out God's Word in every area of life.
- The Holy Spirit equips and empowers believers to fulfill this mission with boldness and faith.
- Practical Steps: Pray for opportunities, build relationships, share personal testimonies, and partner with the Church's ministries locally and globally.

Section 3: Sphere of Influence

This section focuses on living on mission within your "sphere of influence," which includes the people you regularly interact with in your family, neighborhood, workplace, or community. It emphasizes that God has placed you in these relationships for a purpose—to reflect Christ and share the Gospel.

Key points

- Identifying Your Sphere of Influence: Think of 3-5 people in your life who don't know Jesus and recognize your unique role in their lives.
- Prayer as the Foundation: Pray for open hearts, opportunities, boldness, and transformation for those in your sphere of influence.
- Engagement Through Relationships: Build authentic relationships by being present, showing kindness, living authentically, and being genuinely curious about others.
- Sharing the Gospel: Be prepared to explain the Gospel clearly, share your personal story, use Scripture, and invite a response while trusting the Holy Spirit to work.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and facilitate this exercise. First, encourage participants to make a list of 3-5 people in each category. They can also create their own categories as needed. Give approximately 2-3 minutes for this part of the activity. After a few minutes, encourage them to choose 3-5 people across all of these lists to be prayerfully intentional with over the next few weeks. Encourage discussion at their table about ways they can be intentional in letting God use them in their sphere of influence. Give another 3-5 minutes for discussion. After discussion, pull the group back together, and continue the video. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE EXERCISE

Who are some people in your life that don't know Jesus? Make a list. Use these starting categories to help you make your list:

Family

Friends

Neighborhood

Work

Recreational Activities

Review the lists you've created. Choose 3-5 people who you can be intentional with. How might God use you to show His love to them?

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DISCUSS

- *What's one way you can live on mission this week?*
- *How can you support the broader mission of The Chapel?*

Section 4: Sharing the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel is a vital part of living out our faith, as it invites others to experience God's transformative love. While sharing can feel intimidating, understanding the Gospel makes it approachable. The Gospel can be summarized in four key points:

1. **God's Design:** We were created for a perfect relationship with God, others, and creation.
2. **Brokenness:** Sin disrupted this relationship, separating us from God.
3. **Jesus' Rescue Mission:** Jesus died and rose again to restore our relationship with God.
4. **Response:** We respond by repenting, placing our faith in Jesus, and following Him as Lord.

An easy way to remember and share the Gospel is the acronym GOSPEL:

- **G:** God created us to be in a relationship with Him.
- **O:** Our sin separates us from God.
- **S:** Sin can't be erased by good deeds.
- **P:** Jesus paid the price for our sin through His death and resurrection.
- **E:** Everyone who believes and confesses Jesus as Lord
- **L:** will live with God forever.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and facilitate this exercise. First, encourage participants to complete step 1 on their own - they should take about a minute and summarize the gospel in their own words. After about one minute, encourage them to work as a group to complete step 2 - matching verses with the corresponding point of the gospel. Give about 5-8 minutes for this part of the activity. After about 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. This exercise should take about 5-10 minutes, and can be found on page ** of the workbook.

EXERCISE: REVIEW THE GOSPEL STORY

Step 1: Summarize the gospel in your own words.

Step 2: Match the Verses

Match the Bible verse to the corresponding point of the Gospel

Gospel Points	Scripture
Creation & God's design	

Brokenness	
Jesus' Rescue Mission	
New Creation	
Response	

Scripture: Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31, Deuteronomy 6:4, Genesis 3:6-7, Romans 3:19, Matthew 25:30, John 3:16, Romans 2:21-25, Romans 8:35, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, Romans 12:17-21, John 14:3, Revelation 21:1-7, John 10:10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Mark 1:15, Romans 10:9-10

Sharing the Gospel is one of the most meaningful ways to live out our faith, and it doesn't have to be complicated. Here are practical steps to help you confidently share the good news:

1. Start with Prayer

Pray for the person you're sharing with, asking God to open their heart and guide your words. Remember, it's God who saves, not us.

2. Build a Relationship

Invest in meaningful relationships by listening to their story, valuing their perspective, and earning their trust.

3. Share Your Story

Share your personal testimony of how Jesus has transformed your life, focusing on:

- Your life before Christ.
- Your moment of realizing your need for a Savior.
- How Jesus has changed your life since surrendering to Him.
- *Incorporate Scripture to center your story on Jesus and His work in your life.*

4. Be Intentional

Transition conversations to spiritual topics by asking thoughtful questions, such as:

- What's your spiritual background?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- Have you thought about your relationship with God?
- *Listen carefully to their responses to foster meaningful dialogue.*

5. Share Scripture

Use clear, impactful Bible verses to explain the Gospel, like John 14:6 or 2 Corinthians 5:15. If the opportunity arises, invite them to read Scripture aloud and reflect on it together.

6. Keep It Simple

Avoid confusing church jargon and explain the Gospel in accessible language. When appropriate, invite them to accept Jesus as their Savior, guiding them in prayer and celebrating their step of faith.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and facilitate this exercise. Participants should split into groups of 2 and practice sharing the gospel. Encourage them to give each other feedback. Allow for about 8-10

minutes for this activity. After about 8-10 minutes, pull the group back together and continue the video. This exercise can be found on page ** of the workbook.

EXERCISE: SHARE THE GOSPEL

Pair up and practice sharing the gospel. Use the GOSPEL acronym, or another framework that will help you share key points of the gospel. Try sharing the gospel in 2-3 minutes. The “listener” should ask simple follow up questions as needed. For example, ask, “What do you mean by grace?” or “How do I respond to this message?” Once you’ve practiced, switch roles.

Provide feedback to each other.

- Was the explanation clear?
- Did it feel conversational or rehearsed?
- Was Scripture referenced effectively?
- How did the Gospel feel relevant to the scenario?

Section 5: Partnerships

The mission of the Church is far greater than any one person or organization can achieve alone, which is why partnerships are vital. At The Chapel, through Kingdom Come, we collaborate with like-minded churches and ministries locally, nationally, and globally to advance the Gospel. These partnerships combine resources, expertise, and reach to provide practical care and spiritual hope, reflecting the unity and shared purpose of the body of Christ.

Key Points:

- Partnerships reflect the shared mission of the Church, allowing us to do more together than we could individually (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).
- Kingdom Come is a “by faith” initiative that supports ministries locally, nationally, and internationally, helping to meet needs and spread the Gospel with geographic intentionality.
- Examples of Impact:
 - Locally: Partnering with Prince of Peace Christian Church and Lockport CARES to serve those in need.
 - Nationally: Working with Christ Together and Eight Days of Hope for church planting and disaster relief.
 - Internationally: Supporting Mission of Hope in Haiti and Israel First Fruits to empower leaders and advance the Gospel globally.
- Your Role in Kingdom Come:
 - Pray: Commit to praying for our partners and their ministries.
 - Give: Financially support Kingdom Come to enable its initiatives.
 - Serve: Volunteer locally or through mission trips.

- Advocate: Share the mission and encourage others to get involved.
- Geographic Intentionality and Gospel Saturation ensure we are providing repeated opportunities for every person to encounter the Gospel and see it lived out.
- By engaging in partnerships and Kingdom Come, we unite as workers in God’s harvest field, fulfilling His call to bring hope and transformation to the world.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and encourage discussion. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. If needed, this activity can be skipped, and you can encourage participants to browse the website and reflect on the prompts on their own this week. After 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *Take a few moments and visit <https://www.kingdomcomewny.com/>. What stands out to you about our local, national, and international partnerships?*
- *Which of these initiatives resonates with you? How might you personally get involved through prayer, giving, serving, or advocating?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: At the end of the video, if time allows, encourage discussion of these questions for about 5 minutes. If not, encourage participants to reflect on these questions this week. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *What is one practical way you can live missionally in your sphere of influence this week?*
- *How can you engage more deeply with Kingdom Come—whether through prayer, giving, or serving?*
- *Who is one person in your life that you can pray for and intentionally connect with this week?*

Wrap up (5 minutes)

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Next Step

- “Turn to page ** of your workbook. We are encouraging you to take a next step this week - consider membership at The Chapel and complete the member interest form.
- Thank you so much for walking through Belong. I encourage you to continue the journey of pursuing gospel-centered community and taking your step to serve. In addition, your next step is to prayerfully become a member.
- “Turn to page ** of your workbook, and you can find the member interest form. Complete this form, and we will help you take your next step in pursuing membership at The Chapel.”
- “Thank you so much for joining us for Belong. It’s been an honor to walk through this content alongside you.”
- Close in prayer

Next Step

This week, take a next step to belonging at The Chapel.

Our desire is to continuously help you pursue spiritual transformation - we want to help you grow in Christlikeness.

Are you ready to become a member at The Chapel? Complete the [Membership Interest Form](#) and review the Membership Covenant.



<https://thechapel.com/membershipinterest>

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1. Read - read the passage slowly - consider reading it 2-3 times, and reading it out loud at least once
2. Observe - ask questions of the text. Who wrote this text? Who are they writing to? What's happening? Where is this happening? When? Write down your observations.
3. Apply - Consider how you should respond to what you've read. Answer the reflection prompt provided if that's helpful
4. Pray - thank God for what He's shown you, and pray to faithfully live it out. Use the provided prayer prompts to guide you.

Day 1: Ephesians 1:1-14

- *Reflection Question:* God's plan of adoption was set before the foundation of the world. His grace, lavished on us through Christ, is the foundation of our adoption as His children.
- *Prayer:* Thank you, Father, for choosing me before time began. Help me to understand the depth of Your love and grace that led to my adoption as Your child.

Day 2: Romans 8:1-17

- *Reflection Question:* Our adoption comes through Christ's sacrifice and the work of the Holy Spirit. As children of God, we are heirs with Christ and share in His glory.
- *Prayer:* Jesus, thank You for making my adoption possible through Your sacrifice. I am grateful for the Holy Spirit, who assures me of my sonship. Help me live as a co-heir with Christ.

Day 3: Galatians 4:1-7

- *Reflection Question:* Through Christ, we are no longer slaves but sons and daughters of God. The Spirit of God assures us of our adoption, giving us the confidence to call God, "Abba, Father."
- *Prayer:* Holy Spirit, thank You for confirming my identity as God's child. May I always have the boldness to approach my Father with confidence and affection.

Day 4: 1 John 3:1-12

- *Reflection Question:* As adopted children of God, we are called to live as His children, displaying love and purity. Our new identity is a reflection of God's great love for us.

- *Prayer:* Thank You, Father, for the privilege of being called Your child. Help me live in a way that reflects Your love and purity, showing the world who I am in You.

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

- *Reflection Question:* Being adopted into God's family means that we are a new creation in Christ. We are ambassadors for Christ, sharing the message of reconciliation with others.
- *Prayer:* Jesus, thank You for making me a new creation. Help me to live as an ambassador for You, sharing the message of reconciliation with the world.

Day 6: Colossians 3:1-17

- *Reflection Question:* As God's children, we are called to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Our new identity in Christ requires a transformed way of living.
- *Prayer:* Lord, help me to live according to my new identity in Christ. Help me to clothe myself with the virtues that reflect who I am as Your child, living in a way that honors You.

Day 7: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

- *Reflection Question:* Our adoption into God's family comes with a commission to share the message of reconciliation with the world. We are called to invite others into God's family through the gospel.
- *Prayer:* Father, thank You for entrusting me with the message of reconciliation. Help me to share the good news of adoption with others and invite them into Your family.