

A FAMILY BUILT
TO BE SENT



UNSTOPPABLE

CHURCH



SMALL GROUP GUIDE
WEEK ONE



The Big Idea

To kick off this new Teaching Series, we looked at how God created us for belonging. We weren't designed to follow Jesus in isolation. Sin broke our relationship with God and one another, but through Jesus we are brought back to the Father and placed into His family. The church isn't simply somewhere we attend, it's a family where we can belong, grow, and are formed for God's mission.



Things to Remember

The church isn't just a place you go to, it's a spiritual family that you can belong to.



Next Steps

Identify one relationship in your church family you can intentionally strengthen this week. If you've been isolating because of hurt, conflict, busyness, or insecurity, take one step toward reconnecting. And if you've been attending church without really belonging, consider what your next step toward deeper commitment might be.



Icebreakers

1. If you had to live with one fictional TV or movie family for a year, which family would you choose?
2. What's one food, tradition, saying, or habit that immediately makes you think of your family?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 2:18. God says, "It is not good for man to be alone." Why do you think relationships and belonging are such an important part of how God designed us? What are some ways we can be surrounded by people but still feel alone, and how has God helped you get through a season like this?
2. Read Genesis 3:8–9. One of the first effects of sin was hiding. Why do you think our instinct when we're struggling, ashamed, offended, or hurt is often to isolate ourselves? What helps you resist that fleshly instinct?
3. Read Ephesians 2:19. Paul says believers are no longer strangers, but "members of God's family." What's the difference between attending a church and actually belonging to a church family? What does that belonging require from us?
4. Read Acts 4:13. Peter and John were ordinary people whose time with Jesus had transformed them into bold disciples. How does consistently belonging to Jesus and His people form us into people who remain faithful when life gets difficult? Share some practical ways that you practice this in your life everyday!



Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for creating us to know You and to belong to Your family. Help us resist the temptation to isolate ourselves and give us the courage to be known, to forgive, to stay connected, and to show up for one another. Form us into people who look like Jesus and use Your church to prepare us for the mission You've given us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer Requests

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