

dear freinds,

When we begin a relationship with Christ, we *belong* to Him. We are His forever.

We are at home.

Jesus put it this way: "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love." (John 15:9, NLT) Another way to say it is: "...make yourselves at home in my love." (The Message).

At the heart of *Belong* is a deep desire to see people come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

You see, Jesus initiated relationships with fishermen, tax collectors, religious people, foreigners, women, and men. Those He encountered, He often invited to belong with Him, and sometimes even invited Himself to *belong with them*.

He leads by example.

People long for a sense of community, of family, of love—they long to *belong*. When we show Christ's love to the people we encounter, we invite them to belong with us. When we truly engage with those who don't know Christ, they see the love of Jesus in our lives—in our words, in our attitudes, in our service, in our behavior. They see—they experience—His reflection. In the process, even in patient, long-suffering friendships, they learn of Jesus Christ. They come to know Him personally. They accept Him as Lord and Savior.

As you experience *Belong Evangelism*, my prayer is for you to be confident in Christ's love for you—and to clearly know His call to personally share it with those you encounter.

Love your Neighbors. May God bless you as you follow Jesus.



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