

**NORTHLAND  
CHURCH**

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# AWAKEN

**... Letting in the Light**

**John 1:6-13**

# Belonging

This week we're learning how the light of Jesus lives in us and lets us be the light to the world around us.

## WATCH THE VIDEO

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Afterward have someone read the discussion questions in the "Hear God's Story" section and start the conversation.



## Share Your Story

Begin by praying together. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to give you insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of your time together or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

***Then begin your time together by discussing the following questions.***

- What makes you feel as if you truly belong somewhere?
- What are some places where you feel you belong?

## Hear God's Story, and Create a New Story

### READ JOHN 1:6-13 (NLT) & ROMANS 8:9-14 (NLT)

- To whom did Jesus come to offer the light?
- How do people get the right to become children of God?
- How does Jesus, as the Light of the world, offer us hope to be freed from our sinful nature?
- In Romans 8, Paul draws a contrast between a life controlled by our sinful nature and one controlled by the Spirit of God. What have you experienced in life when you've been led by your sinful nature? What about when you've been led by the Spirit?
- What are some of the rights that come with being a child in the biological family you were born into?
- What does it mean to be "children of God"? What are some of the things that happen when we follow Jesus and become children of God?
- Who is someone you can share the light of Jesus with so that person might also experience adoption into the family of God?

***Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.***

## Find Your Story in God's Story

If you feel God is nudging you to go deeper, take some time between now and our next discussion to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own, jotting your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. Want to go deeper? Select a few verses, and try paraphrasing them, writing them in your own words. If you'd like, share them with the group the next time you meet.

**Jesus showed up as the Light of the world – not just to free us from the darkness and to reveal God's glory, but also so we could really see the standing invitation from God to be part of His family. God has called us to be with Him – to be part of the family of God. And in doing so, He has invited us to fully and truly belong to Him and find a freedom from the darkness and into real and abundant life.**

### READ GALATIANS 3:26-29 (NLT)

- What are the identities described in this passage that fall away when we follow Jesus? What are some of the identities in your life that can take a back seat to being a child of God?
- Who are some people in your life you've divided from because of their earthly identity? How would seeing them first at the child of God bring about reconciliation?
- What does it mean to be God's heir? What are some promises God has made to His people? (Try googling "God's promises in the Bible" if you need help.)

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21 (NLT)

- How do we evaluate people from a worldly point of view? How could we evaluate them from a family-of-God perspective instead?
- What does it mean to work as an ambassador of God to the world around us? To other people in the family of God?
- Who is someone you can plead to "come back to God" this week? How can you take a posture of reconciliation and love toward that person?

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