

Leading in the Adventure Belong Acts 2:42-47

1. Become a church people want to belong to.

People want to belong to a church that is devoted to...

- Hearing and applying the Word of God
- Loving one another in fellowship
- Prayer
- Wise use of resources
- Generosity and service
- Worship
- Evangelism

People want to belong to a church that is becoming like Christ.

2. Become a church that welcomes people who want to belong.

People will belong to our church when we...

- Love them unconditionally
- Greet them intentionally
- Connect them relationally.

3. God will do the saving

LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. Tell us about something to which you wanted to belong. What made you want to be a part of that group or organization?
2. Tell us about a time you felt like you belonged. What made you feel belonging?
3. If your group has been together for a while, bring up a memorable story that you have in common as a group.
4. Read John 13:34-35. Do you think this is what makes people want to belong to a church? What are some specific indicators that exist when this is happening? What are some indicators that exist when this is not happening?
5. If you haven't already done so, decide on a Serve Elyria project to do as a group and sign up together at www.churchoftheopendoor.org.
6. Go around the room and tell each person one thing that they bring to the group that is unique and important.
7. Share with the group one thing you are going to do this week to help a guest or new group member belong (ex., greet someone in the hall, call a new group member during the week, etc.)

**Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:
Relates with Other-Centered Love/Loving People**