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The need to
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Security

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Security
Authenticity

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Cheers

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Maturity
Mission

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A photograph of three soldiers in full combat gear, including helmets and large backpacks, standing in a line and viewed from behind. They are positioned against a background of thick, grey smoke or mist. The word "BELONGING" is superimposed in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

BELONGING

A marching band is performing on a green field at night. The band members are wearing red and white uniforms with tall, white-plumed hats. They are playing brass instruments, including tubas and euphoniums. The word "BELONGING" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. The background is dark, suggesting a stadium at night.

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Meaningful Membership & Community

God designed us to live in community not isolation and our desire is for everyone to be connected in a caring, biblical community. We are committed to biblical stewardship of our time, talents and treasures both individually and corporately. We will strive for “100% spiritual employment” because the church matures as each member does its part to live out the “one another” commands in Scripture.

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The Struggle

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Cigna Study

47% of Americans are lonely.

“Health Epidemic”



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**Why it is often missing in
our lives?**



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The Fall:

Breakdown of Belonging

Genesis 3



The Breakdown of **BELONGING**

~~Security~~ Insecurity



The Breakdown of **BELONGING**

~~Security~~ Insecurity

~~Authenticity~~ Pretense



The Breakdown of **BELONGING**

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Dysfunction

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The Breakdown of **BELONGING**

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Dysfunction

~~Mission~~ Lostness

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Jesus Restores **BELONGING**



Jesus Restores **BELONGING** **Security**

Colossians 1:21-22

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

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Jesus Restores **BELONGING**

Authenticity

1 Peter 5:7

***Cast all your anxiety on him because
he cares for you.***



Jesus Restores **BELONGING**

Maturity

Ephesians 4:15

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ...

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Jesus Restores **BELONGING** Mission

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



3 Reasons to Invest in Biblical Community



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**#1 The ultimate meaning of your
life is loving relationships.**



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**It comes from a personal,
relational God.**

Genesis 1:26



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**God knows how vital it is
to our flourishing.**

Genesis 2:18



3 Reasons to Invest in Biblical Community

**#2 The New Testament commands
it.**

“One Another”



3 Reasons to Invest in Biblical Community

**#3 Spiritual progress is a
community project.**





1 Peter 5:8

*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil
prowls around like a roaring lion looking for
someone to devour.*

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Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



Are you in Biblical Community?

Security

Authenticity

Maturity

Mission



Where to pursue Biblical Community

Membership
Small Groups

Christian Education Classes

