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**WE BELONG**

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(note [1 Peter 2:9a](#); [1 Corinthians 3:23](#))

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- Put your faith in and say Yes to Jesus as Lord and discover that your REAL ID is to be a child of God!

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Icebreaker:* What's the oddest thing you've had happen to you on a trip? Share some of the story with your group.

1. It's true that we can pick our friends, but we can't pick our family. That's true, mostly...share with your group how and when you became part of God's family by saying your own 'YES!' to Jesus.
2. What are some of the things you see in yourself (good or not so good) that came from your family of origin and how they have impacted your life?
3. What are some of the differences between your physical family and being part of God's family? Read [John 1:12](#), [1 Timothy 3:15](#), [Ephesians 2:19](#), [Romans 8:15](#), [Ephesians 1:5](#), [Galatians 4:5-7](#), [Romans 5:6,8](#) and [1 John 4:9-10](#) and review the bullet list under point 1.
4. What are some of the things you see in yourself that have come from being part of God's family, and how have they impacted your life?
5. Review point 2 in the message notes. Which part of our special relationship with God as Christ followers stands out the most or is the most surprising to you?
6. What next step do you need to take today to make sure that you are finding your REAL ID in the right place?

Day One: [1 Corinthians 12](#)

Day Two: [1 Corinthians 13](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 14](#)

Day Four: [1 Corinthians 15](#)

Day Five: [1 Corinthians 16](#)

## PERSONAL GUIDE



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