

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Cultivating Heavenly Possibilities”
Complement to sermon on 01/17/2021 – “Belonging”**

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Did/do you have a favorite toy or stuffed animal? If so, what is it and why is this so important to you?
2. Share a time when someone made you feel like you belonged.

MEMORIZE – Matthew 7: 24-25

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

READ Revelation 7: 9-17

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. Read Romans 8: 12-23.
 - a. How does this verse help us better understand the “tribulation” that is spoken of in Revelation 7:14?
 - b. How does this connect to John 1: 10-13
 - c. How should we live in light of these things?
5. Read John 1: 1-14.
 - a. What is the significance of the truth that “the Word become flesh and dwelt among us”?
 - b. What does this tell us about God's role in providing belonging?
 - c. What does this mean for his followers who are called his ambassadors?

Experiential activity – “A Place to Belong”

In Christ, the Creator of all things became one of His created. Why did he do this? To eliminate what separated us from Him and to make a way for us to belong again in His Kingdom. Now in Christ, we belong. We have a place. As it says in Revelation, people of all tongues, tribes and nations belong. This begs the question: who in your life needs a place to belong? What are you doing to reach out and bring them into belonging? Spend time praying for your eyes to be open to those who need a place to belong and for the courage to invite them in and experienced the belonging we all long for.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Great are you Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jCnAAeEJSQ>

I Belong to Jesus - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zHu2q_1RhQ

When we Walk with the Lord – Mennonite Hymnal #577

Come to the Altar - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycWDFd0yCHA>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Go from here as Ambassadors for Christ. May you be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of our Lord. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you with the love of God to bear fruit in every good work.