

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 2.4: Belong

JOURNEY

WITNESSES

▶ SCRIPTURE READING

John 17

SUMMARY:

Following Jesus means walking away from the world. In fact, Jesus promises there will be trouble in this life (John 16:33). But Jesus never intended that Christians face life alone. If you take a look throughout the New Testament, you'll see that whenever the gospel is proclaimed, no one is ever alone. John 17 gives us a glimpse of Jesus' final moments in solitude before being arrested, put on trial, and crucified. It is in this moment that He prays for every believer throughout the rest of history.

Every follower of Christ belongs to something so much greater. The people of God are united in the same way that Jesus is united with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is the kind of unity that cannot be broken. For believers in Christ, every race, gender, social status, economic condition, nation, and culture are united as one tribe under Christ. Together, believers are free from sin and called together to be the community of God's people on mission to proclaim the gospel's saving power through Christ.

▶ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- Who is in your tribe?
- How do you and your friends help each other live for Christ?
- How do you help others know they belong in your tribe?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

▶ CORE VERSE

1 John 3:2

▶ CORE CONCEPTS

We are all invited to belong and contribute to God's tribe.

Tribe: A community bonded together in Christ