



conversation guide

week 2

BOTTOM LINE: God's purposes for my life are: Worship, Belong, Grow, Serve, & Share.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Snack (for "Belong")
- Table Talk Questions (provided)
- Cards & Envelopes (provided)
- Solo Time Guides (provided)

optional icebreaker: look up game

INSTRUCTIONS: Have students stand in a circle. Then, have them look at someone else's shoes. On the count of three, everyone looks at the eyes of the person's shoes they were looking at. If two people are making eye contact with each other, they are out. Last person standing wins.

experience the purposes together.

DO THIS: Lead students in a time learning about and experiencing God's 5 purposes for our lives using the guided activities below. Spend about five minutes on each purpose.

- Tell your students to open their **Student Notebooks** to a blank page and write each of the five purposes below on a new line.
- Read both Matthew 22:37-40 and Matthew 28:19-20 and have them write the phrases from these passages that point to the five purpose words they wrote on their page.

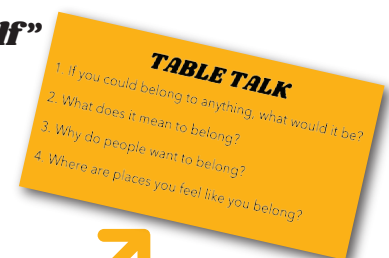
Belong → **"Baptizing them"**

Worship → **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart"**

Serve → **"Love your neighbor as yourself"**

Share → **"Go and make disciples"**

Grow → **"Teaching them to obey"**



purpose: belong

DO THIS: Eat **snack** together. Sit around a table or in a circle and enjoy being with each other while eating snack. As you're eating, set up the **Table Talk cards** and discuss the questions.

SAY THIS: Christians are meant to belong to each other by participating in the community of the Church together. This belonging is open to anyone, and part of our purpose is to help others belong too.



purpose: worship

- **ASK:** *What is worship? Why do we worship? What are some different ways to worship?*

SAY THIS: Worship is celebrating and honoring God for who He is. "Loving the Lord your God with all your heart" shows our worship to Him.

DO THIS: Worship God through reading Scripture. Have students open their Bibles to Psalm 23 and read this passage three different ways. First, go around and have students read one verse each out loud. Then, have students read the passage alone and highlight phrases that show worship to God; have them share what they highlighted. Finally, have students close their eyes and listen as a leader reads the passage out loud.

purpose: serve

- **ASK:** *Why do you think serving others is part of God's purpose for us?*

SAY THIS: When we serve others, we are displaying God's sacrificial, selfless love to them - the same love that He shows us every day.

DO THIS: Plan to do a serve project as a group. Take a few minutes to brainstorm and plan a serve project together. Or, serve together at group! Using the **cards and envelopes** in your series kit, have students write cards to their teachers or parents to encourage and thank them. Have students deliver the cards the next day.

purpose: share

- **ASK:** *Why do you think sharing our story is part of God's purpose for us?*

SAY THIS: By sharing what God has done in our lives, we are making Jesus known to people who don't know Him personally.

DO THIS: Have each of your students think of one person in their lives who don't know Jesus. Tell them to type out a text either inviting them to JHM this weekend or telling them about Jesus. Send those texts all at once as a group.

purpose: grow

- **ASK:** *Why is growth important for us as followers of Jesus?*

DO THIS: Hand each student a **Solo Time Guide** from your series kit. Take a minute to walk them through the guide and how they can utilize it. Encourage them to do a solo time every day this week.

- **ASK:** *Which purpose do you feel like you have the most experience with? Which purpose do you want to practice more in your life?*

