I BELONG conversation guide

week 3

BOTTOM LINE: God chose this Life Group for me and for my good.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Affirmation Cards & Binder Rings (provided)

optional icebreaker: human knot

INSTRUCTIONS: Have your students stand in a circle shoulder to shoulder facing the center. Tell your students to reach out with their RIGHT hand and grab another person's hand (cannot be the person directly to their right or left). Then, tell them to reach out with their LEFT hand and grab a different person's hand. Now, without letting go of any hands, they must try to untangle their human knot until they are standing in a circle again holding hands. Time them to see how long it takes them to untangle!

hear from God through His Word.

DO THIS: Read **Luke 6:12-17** as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **Luke 6:12-17** and ask someone to read the passage out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *Why do you think Jesus created this group of 12 disciples?*
- **ASK:** *How did He select the disciples to be a part of His group? Was there anything special about these men that made Jesus choose them?*
- **ASK:** *In what ways is Jesus' group of 12 disciples similar to our Life Group?*

talk with others about our faith.

say this:
God knew that each of you were going to be in this Life Group even before it was put together. He chose this Life Group for you and for your good. We're so glad that you're a part of this group!

DO THIS: Lead your students in conversation about belonging to your Life Group using the question below.

- **ASK:** *Do you feel like you belong to this Life Group? Why or why not?*
- **ASK:** *What's been one way that this Life Group has helped you personally?*

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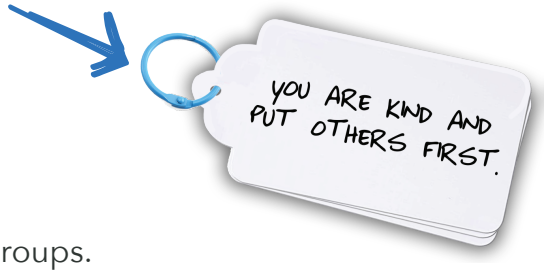
DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of affirming each other using the **Affirmation Cards** and **Binder Rings** in your series kit.

- Hand everyone a stack of **Affirmation Cards** equal to the number of *other* people in your group (i.e. if you have 10 students and 2 leaders, hand each person a stack of 11 cards). Then, tell everyone to write a personal affirmation for every person in your group. *(**Leader note:** This may take several minutes, so you may want to put some music on during this time to help your students focus. Check out the "SSM WRSHP" playlist on Spotify!)*
- After everyone finishes writing their affirmations, tell them to hand each person the affirmation they wrote for them. Now, give everyone a **Binder Ring** so they can bind their affirmations together and take them home.



pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of praying in groups.

- Break your students up into groups of 3-4 and tell them to spend a couple minutes sharing ways that they can be praying for each other right now. Tell your students to write down the prayer requests that the other people in their group share in their **Student Notebooks.** Then, tell them to pray together as a group, with each person praying for someone else in their group.

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenges for this week:

- *Take your ring of **Affirmation Cards** home with you and put them somewhere you will see them often. Whenever you feel sad or insecure, read through your cards and be reminded of all the ways this group loves and appreciates you.*
- *Pray for the other people from your prayer group every day this week. Maybe even start a group text with them so you can share prayer requests and updates throughout the week.*

memory verse

***"For where two or three gather together as my followers,
I am there among them."***

Matthew 18:20