



PRIEST LAKE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
FORWARD & HIGHER TOGETHER

PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

NEVER WALK ALONE

EVERYBODY HAS A PLACE

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-11, 21-23 (KJV)

CENTRAL TRUTH

Everybody has a place. Only Jesus has the center.

WE BELONG TO CHRIST, AND BECAUSE WE BELONG TO CHRIST,
WE BELONG WITH ONE ANOTHER.

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Everybody Has a Place

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BIG IDEA

God uses people in our lives, and those relationships matter. But people must remain in their proper place. We honor those God uses without making them our source, our identity, or our center. **Everybody has a place. Only Jesus has the center.**

Governing Scripture

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” - 1 Corinthians 3:11 (KJV)

THIS WEEK'S FRAMEWORK

MATURITY → RESPONSIBILITY → FOUNDATION → BELONGING

This Week's Movements

1. Growing up means putting people in their proper place.
2. Everybody has a part, but God gives the increase.
3. Jesus is the Foundation.
4. You belong to Christ.

VISION CONNECTION

Forward - keep following Christ. **Higher** - grow toward maturity in Christ. **Together** - accept responsibility for one another without possessing one another. **Foundation of Christ** - Jesus remains the center. **Never Walk Alone** - we belong to Christ, and therefore we belong with one another.

Sunday Message Notes

LISTEN FOR WHAT GOD IS REVEALING, CORRECTING, AND CALLING YOU TO DO

Key Lines

- Everybody has a place. Only Jesus has the center.
- The person God used is not the God who used them.
- Love takes responsibility. But responsibility is different from possession.
- Don't confuse the instrument with the source.
- The opposite of possession is not independence.
- We belong to Christ, and because we belong to Christ, we belong with one another.
- We depend on Christ, and under Christ, we depend on one another.

What the Holy Spirit Is Saying to Me

My Immediate Response

Monday: Put People in Their Proper Place

READ 1 Corinthians 3:1-5

TODAY'S TRUTH

How I handle relationships says something about my spiritual maturity.

Reflect

Paul calls the Corinthians immature because envy, strife, division, and personality-centered loyalties were shaping the church. Maturity is not merely what I know, how gifted I am, or how long I have been in church. Maturity is also revealed in the way I handle people, disagreement, change, and loyalty.

Heart Check

Is there a person I have placed too close to the center of my identity or spiritual life?

Can I honor what God did through someone yesterday while receiving what God is doing today?

Pray

Lord Jesus, mature me in the way I handle relationships. Help me honor people without giving anyone the place that belongs to You.

My One Faithful Step

Tuesday: Honor the Vessel - Worship the Source

READ 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

TODAY'S TRUTH

The person God used is not the God who used them.

Reflect

Paul does not deny that he planted or that Apollos watered. Their contributions were real. But God gave the increase. Gratitude is healthy; idolatry is not. I can appreciate a teacher, parent, pastor, mentor, spouse, or friend without confusing the instrument with the Source.

Heart Check

Who has God used significantly in my life, and how can I honor that contribution appropriately?

Have I acted as though God can only work through one particular person?

Pray

Father, thank You for every person You have used in my life. Keep my gratitude ordered so that all glory returns to You.

My One Faithful Step

Wednesday: Responsibility Without Possession

READ 1 Corinthians 3:6-9; Philippians 2:3-4

TODAY'S TRUTH

Love takes responsibility, but responsibility is different from possession.

Reflect

Healthy love asks, “What does God want for you?” Possessive love asks, “What do I need you to do for me?” God gives us real responsibilities toward one another, but He never gives us ownership of one another. We can care deeply, correct faithfully, support consistently, and still leave the other person free to belong completely to Christ.

Heart Check

Where am I tempted to use love, history, sacrifice, or loyalty to influence someone else's choices?

Do I want what God wants for the people I love, even when their growth changes my role in their life?

Pray

Jesus, purify my love. Teach me to take responsibility for others without trying to possess or control them.

My One Faithful Step

Thursday: Let God Give the Increase

READ 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

TODAY'S TRUTH

I can faithfully do my part without trying to be everything in somebody's life.

Reflect

Paul planted. Apollos watered. God gave the increase. In the Body of Christ, different people have different assignments. One teaches. Another encourages. Another corrects. Another walks beside us. Another carries us for a season. Together does not mean one person becomes everything. Together means everybody faithfully does their part under Christ.

Heart Check

Where am I carrying responsibility God did not give me?

Can I celebrate when God uses somebody else to water what I planted - or to harvest what I watered?

Pray

God, help me be faithful with the part You gave me and humble enough to trust You with the increase.

My One Faithful Step

Friday: Build on the Right Foundation

READ 1 Corinthians 3:9-11

TODAY'S TRUTH

People and seasons change. Jesus Christ remains the Foundation.

Reflect

Paul laid a foundation and another person built on it. The work could continue because the foundation was not Paul. Our confidence cannot rest in a pastor, generation, tradition, ministry, personality, or season. We can honor yesterday, receive today, and prepare for tomorrow because Jesus Christ does not move when people and circumstances change.

Heart Check

What has become a source of security for me that should belong to Christ alone?

What change have I resisted because I confused the builder with the Foundation?

Pray

Lord Jesus, be the Foundation of my identity, relationships, church life, and future. Teach me to build everything on You.

My One Faithful Step

Saturday: You Belong to Christ

READ 1 Corinthians 3:21-23; Colossians 1:18

TODAY'S TRUTH

We belong to Christ, and because we belong to Christ, we belong with one another.

Reflect

Paul reverses the Corinthians' thinking. They were saying, "I belong to Paul." Paul says Paul, Apollos, and Cephas were given to serve them - and "ye are Christ's." Belonging to Christ does not make us independent. We need the Body. But nobody in the Body becomes the Head. Christ is the Head.

Heart Check

Where have I confused healthy dependence on people with making a person my source?

What would it look like for me to depend more completely on Christ while also receiving the people He has placed around me?

Pray

Christ, I belong to You. Teach me to depend on You completely and to live in healthy, responsible relationship with Your people.

My One Faithful Step

Relationship Order Inventory

HONOR PEOPLE • KEEP CHRIST AT THE CENTER

REMEMBER

Good relationships can get out of order. This inventory is not about finding fault with other people. It is about asking whether my relationships are ordered under Christ.

1. Gratitude

Who has God used to plant, water, teach, correct, encourage, or carry me?

2. Identity

Is any relationship carrying more of my identity than it should?

3. Loyalty

Do I ever feel that receiving from one person means betraying another?

4. Control

Have I used love, sacrifice, history, hurt, or authority to pressure someone else's choices?

5. Freedom

Can the people I love grow, change, receive from others, and obey Christ without feeling they must prove loyalty to me?

Dependence Check

DEPEND ON CHRIST • RECEIVE THE BODY • KEEP CHRIST THE HEAD

REMEMBER

The goal is not independence. We depend on Christ, and under Christ, we depend on one another. Healthy Christian community needs people without turning people into our source.

DEPEND ON CHRIST

Where am I looking to a person to provide what only Christ can ultimately provide?

RECEIVE PEOPLE

Who has Christ placed around me to pray, teach, encourage, correct, or walk with me?

DO MY PART

Whom has God given me responsibility to serve, encourage, teach, support, or carry?

RELEASE CONTROL

Where do I need to trust God with somebody else's growth instead of trying to manage the outcome?

KEEP CHRIST THE HEAD

What practical choice this week will demonstrate that Jesus - not a personality, preference, or relationship - has the center?

My Never Walk Alone Growth Plan

CHRIST-CENTERED • RESPONSIBLE • TOGETHER

REMEMBER

Everybody has a place. Only Jesus has the center. My goal is to grow in dependence on Christ and healthy dependence on the people He places around me.

AREA	MY PERSONAL RESPONSE	MY FAITHFUL PRACTICE
Christ at the Center		
Honor		
Responsibility		
Healthy Dependence		
Freedom from Control		
Together		

My Commitment

The relationship I will intentionally put in proper order is:

The person I will intentionally encourage or support is:

The area where I will depend more completely on Christ is:

My Declaration

ONLY JESUS HAS THE CENTER

I DECLARE

I belong to Christ. I will honor the people God uses without making them my source. I will take responsibility for the people God places in my life without trying to possess or control them. I will receive help without making a person my foundation. I will do my part and trust God for the increase.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are my Foundation and You have the center. Thank You for every person You have used in my life. Teach me to honor them rightly. Free me from possessiveness, unhealthy loyalty, fear, and control. Help me do my part faithfully and trust You for the increase. Teach me to depend on You completely and to receive the people You place around me with gratitude. Make us mature people who belong to You and therefore walk together. In Jesus' name, amen.

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