

## LIVE YOUR CALLING: PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN

Topic: Called to Belong – Pastor Alton Trimble

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HEBREWS 2:10 “God is the one who made all things, and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children share his glory...” (NCV)

**THE 2ND PURPOSE OF MY LIFE IS THAT, GOD FORMED ME FOR HIS FAMILY!**

EPHESIANS 1:5 “His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.” (NLT)

- GOD’S FAMILY IS CALLED HIS CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 3:14-15 “I am writing to you... so you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.” (NCV)

- I AM CALLED TO BELONG TO HIS CHURCH

EPHESIANS 2:19 “So now you are no longer visitors or strangers. Now you are citizens together with God's holy people. You belong to God's family.” (ICB)

ROMANS 1:6 “You are among those who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ” (NLT)

### **FIVE (5) benefits of belonging:**

FIVE (5) metaphors that will help you understand how the church, God’s family, was designed to meet your deepest needs in life:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> metaphor of the church: A FAMILY**

1. IN GOD’S FAMILY: I LEARN MY TRUE IDENTITY.

EPHESIANS 2:19 “You are members of God’s very own family, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian”

HEBREWS 2:11 “Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.” (CEV)

ACTS 2:41 “Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church—about three thousand.” (NLT)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> metaphor of the church: A TEMPLE**

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16(NLT) Don’t you realize that all of you **TOGETHER** are the temple of God and His Spirit lives in you?

2. IN GOD’S TEMPLE: I AM SUPPORTED BY OTHERS

EPHESIANS 2:21-22 “In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

ROMANS 1:12 “I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.”

**3<sup>rd</sup> metaphor of the church: A BODY**

3. IN CHRIST’S BODY: I DISCOVER MY UNIQUE VALUE

ROMANS 12:4-5 “Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's Body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.” (LB)

**FIVE (5) TRUTHS:**

- i. Many parts. All different & unique! God designed us that way!
- ii. Everyone’s needed to make the Body complete.
- iii. We each have a work to do (Roles/Ministries)
- iv. We belong to each other.
- v. We all need each other!

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-16 “If your foot says, “I’m not a part of the body because I’m not a hand,” that doesn’t make it any less a part of the body. And if your ear says, “I’m not part of the body because I’m only an ear and not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body?” (NLT)

EPHESIANS 4:25 “In Christ's Body we're all connected to each other.” (Mes)

- A disconnected Body part *dies!*

**4<sup>th</sup> metaphor of the church: A FLOCK**

PSALM 100:3 “God made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.” (NLT)

PSALM 23 (NKJV) “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup

*runs over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.*

JOHN 10:11 (NKJV) *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

4. IN GOD'S FLOCK: I'M PROTECTED & CARED FOR.

1 PETER 5:2 *“Take care of God's flock, his people, that you are responsible for. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced to do it.” (ICB)*

HEBREWS 13:17 *“Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are accountable to God.” (NLT)*

GALATIANS 6:2 *“Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” (NLT)*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 *“Encourage each other and give each other strength.” (NCV)*

**5<sup>th</sup> metaphor of the church: A GARDEN, VINEYARD**

JOHN 15:1, 5 *“I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Gardener... and you are the branches.” (NIV)*

5. IN GOD'S GARDEN: MY LIFE BECOMES PRODUCTIVE!

JOHN 15:4-5 *“A branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. But apart from me you can do nothing!” (NLT)*

EPHESIANS 3:21 *“Glory belongs to God in THE CHURCH & in CHRIST JESUS for all time and eternity!”*