

## WHO ARE MY PEOPLE?

### NO ONE BELONGS HERE MORE THAN YOU.

#### **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

#### **John 13:34-35 (NIV)**

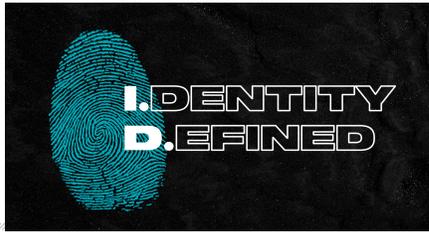
"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

#### **John 17:20-23 (NIV)**

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

#### **Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)**

There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.



## Reflection Questions:

1) Who are the people in your life who make you feel like you fit—like you belong? Where do you feel like you belong, no matter what? What creates that sense of belonging for you?

2) How can you know you belong to God and to His people? Do you feel like you belong at Journey Church? What does our church do to help you and others feel a sense of unconditional belonging? What do you wish our church would do differently? How can you help others at Journey feel a sense of belonging?

3) What do you need from others to really know that you belong with them, no matter what? What can you do to help others know they belong, no matter what? Who are people you know that you need to move toward? Who are people you know that you need to make space for?

4) What are barriers that we run into that make unity difficult in the body of Christ? How can we overcome those barriers?

5) Which of these BELONGING messages do you need to believe and apply? Explain.

**I belong WITH God's people.**

**No one belongs here more than I do.**

**We are family.**

**God is WITH us.**

**We are known by our love.**

**We are the body of Christ.**

**I belong everywhere because I belong to God.**

**Hospitality means giving the privileges of insiders to outsiders.**

**True belonging starts when we end just trying to fit in.**