

The Belonging Initiative Week 7 **Wrapping It Up**

Today we are wrapping up the belonging initiative. Over the last six weeks we have sought to challenge you to help increase and strengthen a sense of belonging here at Central Baptist Church. Over the last six weeks we have put before you specific ways in which you can help make Central all that God has called her to be. We have challenged you to **pray** for your church. We have challenged you to **get to know** your church, and to **serve together** with your church. We have challenged you to **reach in** and love on your church, and we have challenged you to **reach out** and love on the people God has placed all around you. Finally, last week we challenged you to **share your testimony** of how God has been and continues to be at work in your life. While each of these things is vital to help create a healthy and strong sense of community and belonging here, they are not all that can be done.

As we continue through this year we want to make it a priority as a church to reinforce who we are in Christ and who we are together as a result of Christ. There are so many more ways that we can do this than just the six things we have looked at. When you look around the church it is hard not to see the ways God is at work in this place. May the reality of God at work encourage us and propel us to love God well, and love the people God has placed around us as well. Here at Central we belong to Christ and as a result we belong to one another. We are excited to see how God continues to foster a sense of belonging and unity through people just like you as we seek to preach, teach and live the gospel for the glory of God!

John 17:18-23, *"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*



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