

3—PLACE:

Where Do I Belong?

THINKING DEEPER

What is the most valuable thing about belonging to something/someone?

Discuss their thoughts.

LOOKING DEEPER

1. What are some groups that you belong to? Why are they important? **Answers will vary for each student. Note their reasons for importance. They might be: to be a part of something bigger, so they aren't alone, because their friends are a part of the group. Emphasize that it is good to belong to something.**
2. How do you think the things you belong to reflect God's purpose for your life? **They might help us understand our purpose and challenge us to grow. Recap some of the things they discovered throughout the week about their purpose. Is there a connection between purpose and place?**
3. Read John 14:1-6. What two promises does Jesus give? To whom do these promises apply? **The promises: He is preparing a place for us and He is going to return to get us and take us where He is. The promises apply to those who have trusted Christ and who *belong* to Him. The key idea is: belonging to God.**
4. What does it mean to "belong to God"? **Discuss that in God, we have a place of refuge (Ps. 14:26; 119:114). We are called "children of God" when we have trusted Jesus as Lord of our life. To belong to God shows the world (and ourselves) that we are never alone and part of something greater that has an eternal belonging, Find out who wants to belong to God, and tell them how.**

GOING DEEPER

Read 1 Corinthians 15:33 and reflect on this statement: "You can tell a lot about a person by the company they keep." Write down your thoughts.

Are there some things you belong to that are making it more difficult to keep God as the center of your life? What could those things be replaced with?

Place: where you go for comfort and safety, instills a sense of belonging and connection