

# Lifeline

## BELONG

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### ICE-BREAKER

What is an activity that you are looking forward to doing once the weather gets warmer?

### SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

John 15:5 NLT

5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 NLT

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

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Have you been baptized? If yes, briefly share about your baptism. If no, briefly share why not.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT. What questions does this scripture raise for you? Does your life feel “new”?

Read John 15:5 NLT. Identify each part of the metaphor that Jesus uses: the vine, the branches, fruit. What do you think Jesus is trying to say?

How do the words Jesus says in John 15:5 help us to understand what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 NLT. What stands out to you as new or fresh? What do you learn about God from this passage? What do you learn about mankind from this passage?

What is the most extreme thing you have done because of your faith in Jesus? What is the most mundane but challenging thing you’ve done because of your faith in Jesus?

## DO

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For ministry time, begin by welcoming the Holy Spirit to gently increase the awareness in the room of His presence.

Spend time adoring Jesus by sharing things you love about Him aloud.

Invite the Holy Spirit to give prophetic encouragement for each person in the room. Consider asking the group to each choose one person to prophetically encourage. Remember to only speak out things that align with the character of Christ!

Spend a few moments thanking God and then debriefing. Has anything shifted inside of you? Be sure to minister to anyone that feels like they’ve experienced transformation.

