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## My Dream for PCI

*John 8:32; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Cor. 12:25; 15:10; Luke 15; Eph. 4:2-3; 11-16;*

PCI is a ragtag group of folks...

1. That know I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ and neither is anyone else.

2. Where your \_\_\_\_\_ matters to someone.

3. Where spiritual values unite us. (Heart Attitudes)

4. Who strive to \_\_\_\_\_ as a family ought.

5. Where "even I" can make a difference.

6. Understands that life is more \_\_\_\_\_ than I imagined.

7. Hungers for the truth that sets " \_\_\_\_\_ " free.

### What's your next step?

\_\_\_ Come to Christ?

\_\_\_ 101 class?

\_\_\_ Group?

\_\_\_ Serving role?

\_\_\_ Lead others?

Key: Page 1: process; conversion. conversation. Page 2: collaboration. anticipation. Page 3: pursue; hunger; grip; feelings; Page 4: OK; story; love; complicated; "addicts"

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## Belonging

### 5 Chapters of My Life--part 3

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**Chapter 1: I am Broken.**

**Chapter 2: I am Beloved.**

**Chapter 3: I Belong.**

### In Search of Belonging

■ Belonging is a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Belonging #1: C \_\_\_\_\_ and baptism.**

*Ephesians 2:19 You are a member of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other*

■ *Christian.*

*Romans 14:8 If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.*

■ **Belonging #2: Building c \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

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**Belonging #3: Building c\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Ephesians 4:11 And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry,  
■ for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into  
■ Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.*

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**Belonging #4: A\_\_\_\_\_... with Loneliness...**

*Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received  
■ what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers  
■ and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore*

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*God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*

Why does God allow His children to experience times of loneliness and emptiness?

- a. Propels us to p\_\_\_\_\_ God.
- b. Loosens our natural g\_\_\_\_\_ on this world.
- c. Creates greater \_\_\_\_\_ for heaven.
- d. Requires you to live by faith and not by \_\_\_\_\_, to act on the basis of right even when you don't feel like it.

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### Implications

- 1. I DO need people in order to grow.
- 2. I DON'T need people for my deepest needs to be met.
- 3. Myth: "Just me and Jesus."

*Hebrews 10:24 ...and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

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