



# CHURCH FOR THE REST OF US

CASUAL ATMOSPHERE | SERIOUS FAITH

## In a Church For The Rest Of Us:

1. Everyone can be \_\_\_\_\_.

*"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."*

John 3:16-17 (MSG)

2. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_.

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

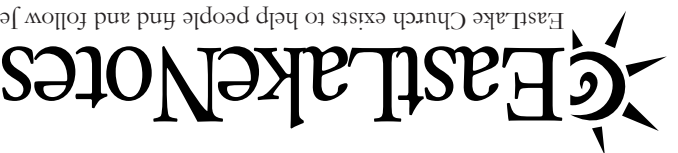
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

3. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."*  
Acts 15:19 (TNIV)

(MSG) The Message  
(NLT) New Living Translation

(TNIV) Today's New International Version  
(NIV) New International Version



Eastlake Church exists to help people find and follow Jesus Christ.

February 4 & 5, 2012

4. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_.

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

5. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_.

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

6. Everyone is on \_\_\_\_\_.

*"God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you."*

Matthew 28:19-20 (MSG)

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**DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
Week 6  
February 4th & 5th, 2012

**Ice Breaker:**

What is your favorite time of year and why? When you are in a crowd setting would you rather wait for someone to come up and talk or do you jump into any conversation?

**Opening Prayer:**

Father God, help us to recognize you in the middle of every opportunity to serve others.

**For Discussion:**

We want to take a look at how we as a growth group are doing with what we have heard over the past weeks. Give examples in each area of changes.

**We discussed in weeks 1 and 2:**

At EastLake Church, we work hard to make opportunities for people to connect. However sometimes our own hurts, fears or negative attitudes can get in the way of us building life-giving relationships. One of the first steps toward building positive relationships is to understand our relationship with God and his family.

**Read Ephesians 2:11-22**

This passage teaches us that God has done the work needed to reconcile our relationship with him and to invite us into his family. Knowing that we are beloved members of his family helps us to extend love to others.

- What kinds of things can hold you back from building great relationships?
- What kinds of things can bring problems and divisions into relationships?

**We discussed in week 3:**

Three levels of connecting to a local church:

1. I come to church because I get something out of it.
2. I'm willing to participate when it is convenient.
3. I'm committed to the mission of Christ and will participate in it.

At what level are you currently participating?

Are you ready to fully participate?

What next right step does that mean for you?

**We discussed in weeks 4 & 5:**

**Obedience honors God and inspires people.**

**Read John 2:1-11**

This miracle was not accomplished without the participation of the servants. They filled the jars with water and took a step of faith to draw water and serve it to the wedding hosts. Only then did the miracle occur.

- Is there a step of obedience God has been calling you toward, but you have been hesitating to fulfill?
- What is holding you back?

**Closing Prayer:**

Jesus, we want to follow your example and become more like you. Every time we follow you by serving we grow closer to you and more into the original you designed.