



Belong

Issue # 2

Last Issue Recap

How did you apply last issue's lesson since we last met?

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, many of us struggle to find our place in this world. Help us to know that we will always belong to you. May we know that you always have a place for us to belong. Help us realise this truth. Amen.

Chat Point #1

- 1 What does it mean to 'have joy'?
- 2 How does negativity and pessimism rot our joy?



It's no secret that we feel the pressure of today's negativity and pessimism. Media is inundated with negative topics that affect us deeply and influence how we respond to life. It seems that wherever we go someone has something to complain about. Maybe we are the ones whom are constantly complaining? Now, there is nothing wrong with venting out a frustration to someone or seeking advice, but it does become a problem when our complaining becomes a pessimistic rot within our hearts that slowly destroys our joy and optimism.

Chat Point #2

- 3 **Think of the following question as you read the next section. Then answer them together:**

Which one must be sacrificed: The Fruit of the Factory? Why?

What does the factory and the fruit represent in your life?

Imagine: You are a fruit farmer. You have the ability and means to grow amazing organic fruit that gets exported globally. There is a huge demand for your fruit. You have more than one kind of fruit and each crop produces better fruit than the last crop. This is due to the fresh underground spring that waters the roots of your trees. All your fruit are succulent, juicy, packed with fruity flavoured goodness. You cannot deny that your fruit plantations are blessed. But one day, your fruit trees take a turn. It's harvest time and your fruit has become sour, dehydrated, and grainy. Your trees start wilting. There is a global demand for the kind fruit you produce but you cannot deliver. Everything that was good has now become bad. You investigate to find; your underground spring has been poisoned by the unstoppable flowing toxic waste from the nearby factory. You also own the factory. You've invested millions in establishing it. Both benefit you. But now, the factor is killing your plantations. Not producing fruit will destroy your future.

- 1 What stands out for you in this passage?
- 2 What do you think the main point is?
- 3 What would it look like if every Christian applied this principle or lesson to their lives today?
- 4 How do these passages relate to:

Joy and Optimism vs. Negativity and Pessimism?

Belonging?
- 5 How can you make your group a place to belong?
- 6 How can we personally apply this lesson our lives this week?

"Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it." - Greg Anderson

KEY FOCUS

John 15 : 5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Prayer Requests:

Closing Prayer

Holy Spirit, show us how to have the heart of Christ. Help us to created places where people many know they belong and where they may be accepted for who they are. Let us find opportunities to apply this teaching this week, Amen.

submit your questions to chatter@coffeechatconnect.com

Who will facilitate the
next CCC?

Venue: _____

Date & Time: _____

Personal Reflection

to be completed at home

Remain in Jesus if you wish to have complete joy. Ask yourself: Do I have real joy? Do I feel like I belong? Do I really remain in Jesus? Am I producing the fruit he wants me to produce? What is stopping me?