

## Belonging: *"I will build my church" - Jesus*

### **Humble Church**

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Psalm 131

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**Introduction:** You belong. And we say it a lot. Because it tells us something about you. And it tells us something about us. Because you can't belong by yourself. Belonging is a thing that requires others. To whom do we belong? And with whom do we belong? And for what purpose do we belong? These are questions Jesus answers like no one else before or since. He says, "I will build my church?" What does it mean to belong to Jesus and to the church he's still building?

**Prayer:** Father God, show us what you want us to learn from this study and from each other. Give us the courage to ask our questions and to listen to the answers. Amen

**Review:** What did you learn from God about the burdens that you are bearing? When belonging gets difficult what is your reaction?

**Read:** Psalm 131

### **Discussion:**

1. How does the psalmist describe his attitude in this psalm? Why do you think he tells the reader what he is *not* instead of what he *is*?
2. How do you define being humble? What are the benefits of humility? How different is the Biblical view of humility from our society's view? See Luke 1:46-49; Matthew 23:12
3. What are some of the perils of choosing pride instead of humility? See Proverbs 4:10-13; 1 Timothy 6:3-6
4. The psalmist gives us the picture of a child contentedly laying in their mother's lap. What does calm contentment look like for you? See Philippians 4:10-13; Hebrews 13:5-6.
5. What is the psalmist's source of contentment? How is it different than settling for a bad situation? What is your source of contentment? Where do you need to cultivate with God an attitude of calm?

**Application:** Bring to God your questions and struggles with pride and anxiety.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, you are the only steady rock in our uncertain world. Thank you that we can rest in you. Amen