The ABCs of Finding Fellowship and Belonging

A Ask others questions and remember what they tell you about themselves.

B Bible Studies. Join one.

C Care for others. Notice needs and ask to help.

D Deliver meals. Most fellowships have meals for the sick. Find out how to get on the list.

E Expect to find friends. Think of it as a treasure hunt rather than a venture of rejection.

F Find out what others need.

G Grace. Extend it often.

H Hospitality. Have people over for coffee or tea.

I Invite someone to do something fun or go for a walk.

J Just be yourself.

K Keep trying. Don’t give up on a fellowship group.

L Laugh often, but never at someone else.

M Mission Statement. Check the mission statement of a church to see if it resonates with you.

N Newcomer events: Most churches have newcomer lunches, classes, coffees. Attend them.

O Openness. To make deep friendships you may need to open up a little at a time and go deep.

P Prayer. If someone mentions a difficulty, offer to pray. Do it and then follow up.

Q Quit second-guessing yourself and what others think of you.

R Remember people’s names even if you need to write them down at home.

S Serve with others. The best way to get to know someone is to serve alongside them.

T Time. It takes time to feel included and develop deep relationships.

U Unity. Strive for it. If you disagree, ask yourself if the issue is worth risking disharmony.

V Volunteer any time you can: Nursery is a great place to get to know people.

W Website: Check the website for ministries, events, the About Us page etc.

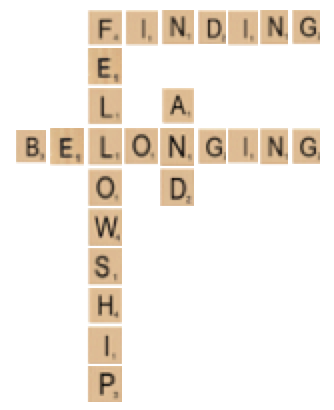
X Exit slowly. Talk to people after church.

Y Yourself. That is who you should be.

Z Zero judgement. Don’t judge others and don’t worry about others judging you. God doesn’t.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Scrabble transparent PNG images - StickPNG | Ask others questions in conversation and remember what they tell you about themselves. | |
| Mrs.Ratfire's Fabulous Buys! (10) Beautiful Scrabble Letter B Tiles,  Scrabble for Crafts, Scrabble Game Piece Letter B, 10 Letter B, Hardwood,  Individual Scrabble Tiles for Crafts,: Buy Online in INDIA at desertcart | Bible Studies: Join one. | |
| Scrabble Tile C transparent PNG - StickPNG | Care for others. Notice needs and ask to help. | |
|  | Deliver meals. Most fellowships have meals for the sick. Find out how to get on the list. | |
| INDIVIDUAL WOOD SCRABBLE TILES LETTER E 25 cents each read full description  Board & Traditional Games xn--e1aaa0add1ai6f.xn--p1ai | Expect to find friends. Think of it as a treasure hunt rather than a venture of rejection. | |
|  | Find out what others need. | |
| Scrabble Tile G transparent PNG - StickPNG | Grace: Extend it often. | |
| Scrabble Tile H transparent PNG - StickPNG | Hospitality: Have people over for coffee or tea. | |
|  | Invite someone to do something fun or go for a walk. | |
| J8 puzzle, Scrabble Tile J, games, scrabble png | PNGEgg | Just be you. You are the only one who can. | |
|  | Keep trying. Don’t give up on a fellowship group. | |
|  | Laugh often. Smile even more. | |
|  | Mission Statement: Check the mission statement of a church to see if it resonates with you. | |
| N Scrabble Tile | Scrabble, Scrabble tiles, Alphabet | Newcomer events: Most churches have newcomer lunches, classes, and coffees. Attend them. | |
|  | Openness: Open up a little at a time and go deep to make lasting friendships. | |
|  | Prayer: If someone mentions a difficulty, offer to pray. Do it and then follow up. | |
|  | Quit second-guessing yourself and what others think of you. | |
|  | Remember people’s names even if you need to write them down at home. | |
|  | Serve with others. The best way to get to know someone is to serve together. | |
|  | Time: It takes time to feel included and develop deep relationships. | |
|  | Unity: Strive for it. If you disagree, ask yourself if the issue is worth risking disharmony. | |
|  | Volunteer any time you can: Nursery is a great place to get to know people. | |
|  | Websites: Check the website for ministries, events, the about us page, etc. | |
|  | Exit slowly. Talk to people after church. | |
|  | Yourself: That is who you should be. | |
|  | Zero judgment: Don’t judge others, and don’t worry about others judging you. God doesn’t. | |
|  |  |
|  |  |

The ABCs of Navigating Ideological Differences



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generated | A close up of a door handle  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | N Scrabble Tile | Scrabble, Scrabble tiles, Alphabet | Text  Description automatically generated with low confidence | A close up of a door handle  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | N Scrabble Tile | Scrabble, Scrabble tiles, Alphabet | Scrabble Tile G transparent PNG - StickPNG |
|  |  | INDIVIDUAL WOOD SCRABBLE TILES LETTER E 25 cents each read full description  Board & Traditional Games xn--e1aaa0add1ai6f.xn--p1ai |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Text  Description automatically generated |  | Scrabble transparent PNG images - StickPNG |  |  |  |  |
| Mrs.Ratfire's Fabulous Buys! (10) Beautiful Scrabble Letter B Tiles,  Scrabble for Crafts, Scrabble Game Piece Letter B, 10 Letter B, Hardwood,  Individual Scrabble Tiles for Crafts,: Buy Online in INDIA at desertcart | INDIVIDUAL WOOD SCRABBLE TILES LETTER E 25 cents each read full description  Board & Traditional Games xn--e1aaa0add1ai6f.xn--p1ai | Text  Description automatically generated | Shape  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | N Scrabble Tile | Scrabble, Scrabble tiles, Alphabet | Scrabble Tile G transparent PNG - StickPNG | A close up of a door handle  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | N Scrabble Tile | Scrabble, Scrabble tiles, Alphabet | Scrabble Tile G transparent PNG - StickPNG |
|  |  | Shape  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |  | Text  Description automatically generated with low confidence |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | A picture containing icon  Description automatically generated |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Scrabble Tile H transparent PNG - StickPNG |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | A close up of a door handle  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | A picture containing text  Description automatically generated |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Ask others questions and remember what they tell you about themselves.

Bible Studies. Join one.

Care for others. Notice needs and ask to help.

Deliver meals. Most fellowships have meals for the sick. Find out how to get on the list.

Expect to find friends. Think of it as a treasure hunt rather than a venture of rejection.

Find out what others need.

Grace. Extend it often.

Hospitality. Have people over for coffee or tea.

Invite someone to do something fun or go for a walk.

Just be yourself.

Keep trying. Don’t give up on a fellowship group.

Laugh often. Smile even more.

Mission Statement. Check the mission statement of a church to see if it resonates with you.

Newcomer events. Most churches have newcomer lunches, classes, and coffees. Attend them.

Openness. To make deep friendships, you may need to open up a little at a time and go deep.

Prayer. If someone mentions a difficulty, offer to pray. Do it and then follow up.

Quit second-guessing yourself and what others think of you.

Remember people’s names even if you need to write them down at home.

Serve with others. The best way to get to know someone is to serve alongside them.

Time. It takes time to feel included and develop deep relationships.

Unity. Strive for it. If you disagree, ask yourself if the issue is worth risking disharmony.

Volunteer any time you can: Nursery is a great place to get to know people.

Websites. Check the website for ministries, events, the about us page, etc.

Exit slowly. Talk to people after church.

Yourself. That is who you should be.

Zero judgment. Don’t judge others, and don’t worry about others judging you. God doesn’t.