



# EAST BAY CALVARY CHURCH

## STUDY QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS

Series: *You Belong Here*

ALL WHO STRIVE TO ENTER Belong Here (Luke 13:22-30)

### Introduction

1. You've heard that "being in an *airport* doesn't make you a *pilot*." Fill in these blanks with other examples! "Being in a \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't make you a \_\_\_\_\_."
2. What does the faith of your parents and others in your "family of origin" look like? Are there people in your family who say they're Christian because of their relatives?

### Digging Deeper

3. **Read Mark 12:32-34.** Why does Jesus tell this scribe that he is *not far from* the kingdom of God? What is he missing to *enter* the kingdom?
4. **Read Philippians 2:12-13.** Do your best to explain what's happening here between a Christian's own works and God's work in the Christian.
5. **Read James 2:14-26.** Verse 24 says we are not sanctified but *justified*, considered righteous, shown to be right with God ... by works! How does that square with salvation by grace through faith?
6. **Read 2 Peter 1:3-11.** What does it mean to confirm your calling and election (v. 10)? In *what* way is an entrance into this eternal kingdom provided for us (v. 11)?
7. **Read Luke 13:23-30.** How might relying on our religious heritage or our attendance at religious events become an obstacle to putting our trust in Jesus?
8. What's one part of the sermon that stuck with you? Is there anything you would clarify from it—or change about it?

### Application

9. How would you know if someone is trusting in their religious attendance or their religious family members for salvation instead of a personal faith in Jesus?
10. Can you point to a time when you felt the urgency to KNOW you had put your faith in Jesus? If so, what did it look like to make the effort to get that assurance?
11. If you haven't felt that urgency, or if you've been tempted to trust in your attendance or your heritage instead of in your relationship with Jesus for salvation, what's keeping you from making that change right now?