



# Everyone Onboard

Serving those with special needs includes creating opportunities for them to worship, learn, and serve alongside friends and fellow believers. The first step is to understand why you believe in doing so. Then you may advocate for your students, change perceptions, and coach others to be inclusive.

## Ideas

- Share your experiences advocating your ministry with leaders in your church.
- Review resources showing the stages that lead to belonging.
- Brainstorm students' gifts and how they can serve in a church.
- Describe how your ministry's goals aligned with your church's mission.

## Questions

- How can you use a frustrating situation as an opportunity to change perception?
- What programs in your church can help special needs siblings, single parents, and marriages? How can you encourage ministries to include special needs parents?
- How can you help others experience the blessings that special needs families bring to a church?
- What fears do some leaders have about special needs ministries? How can you alleviate them?
- What are ways to connect with church leadership?