



— Christ Joins His People Together as One Household Under God —



### SESSION AIM

Help teachers and group leaders explain the church as a spiritual family, how believers belong to one another under Christ, and why covenant relationships matter for spiritual growth, care, and witness.



### BIG IDEA

The church is not merely a religious institution or weekly gathering. Through Christ, believers are adopted into the household of God and joined together as a covenant family that worships, serves, encourages, corrects, and grows together under the Father's care.



### WHAT THIS SESSION BUILDS UPON

From Leader Sheets 1-12:

- The church is gathered by Christ.
- Christianity is embodied covenant life.
- Believers participate in one another ministry.
- Worship forms believers.
- Shepherds care for the flock.
- The church visibly represents Christ's Kingdom.

This Session Expands:

- Household imagery.
- Spiritual family identity.
- Belonging and mutual care.
- Covenant relationships within the church.



### FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

- Ephesians 2:19
- 1 Timothy 3:15
- Galatians 6:2
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- John 13:34-35



### PRINCIPLE

The church is a spiritual family united under Christ. God forms His people through covenant relationships of love, truth, care, and shared life.



### RECOMMENDED VISUALS

- One Another Commands
- Christianity Cannot Be Lived Alone
- The Gathered Church
- Sheep Need the Flock
- The Church as a Covenant Family



### NEXT STEPS

- Continue with RC2 Leader Sheet 14.
- Review the notes and key points from this session.
- Discuss practical ways to build deeper covenant relationships.

### TEACHING FLOW: HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

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#### BEGIN WITH THE HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE OF SCRIPTURE

- Scripture describes the church as God's household.
- We are adopted, belong, and are built together under God.
- The church is a spiritual family.

USE THIS:

- Ephesians 2:19
- 1 Timothy 3:15
- Articles
- Key Passages



KEY EMPHASIS: The church is the household of God.

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#### TEACH COVENANT BELONGING

- We belong to one another.
- We share life, burdens, and joys.
- We encourage, serve, and care for each other.
- We practice hospitality and acceptance.

USE THIS:

- Articles
- Visuals
- Examples



KEY EMPHASIS: Christians are joined together under Christ.

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#### CONNECT FAMILY LIFE TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Encouragement and correction strengthen us.
- Accountability protects and matures us.
- Discipleship happens in relationships.
- God forms believers through shared life.

USE THIS:

- Galatians 6:2
- Articles
- Visuals



KEY EMPHASIS: Spiritual growth happens within shared life.

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#### ADDRESS MODERN INDIVIDUALISM

- Anonymity weakens belonging.
- Isolation hinders growth.
- Consumer Christianity limits commitment.
- Detached spectatorship avoids responsibility.

USE THIS:

- Discussion
- Starters
- Examples



KEY EMPHASIS: The church is relational covenant life, not merely attended.

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#### SHOW HOW FAMILY LIFE SUPPORTS WITNESS

- Love among believers displays Christ.
- Unity strengthens our testimony.
- Hospitality and care open doors.
- Forgiveness and grace reflect the Gospel.

USE THIS:

- John 13:34-35
- Articles
- Visuals



KEY EMPHASIS: Love within the church displays Christ to the world.

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#### APPLY PRACTICALLY

- Build meaningful relationships.
- Practice hospitality and encouragement.
- Bear one another's burdens.
- Pursue forgiveness and unity.

USE THIS:

- Application
- Ideas
- Handouts



KEY EMPHASIS: Live as a covenant family under the Father's care.



### KEY EMPHASES



#### GOD ADOPTS BELIEVERS INTO ONE HOUSEHOLD

The church belongs to the Father through Christ.



#### CHRISTIANS BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER

The church is covenant family life.



#### SHARED LIFE FORMS BELIEVERS

God shapes His people through relationships.



#### LOVE DISPLAYS THE GOSPEL

Visible love strengthens Gospel witness.



#### THE CHURCH IS MORE THAN AN INSTITUTION

It is a living covenant people under Christ.



### COMMON CONFUSIONS

- ✘ "Church is mainly attending services." Biblical church life involves shared covenant relationships.
- ✘ "Christianity is private spirituality." Believers are joined into the household of God.
- ✘ "Fellowship is optional." The New Testament repeatedly commands shared life and care.
- ✘ "Church relationships are secondary." God uses covenant relationships to form His people.
- ✘ "Love means avoiding difficult conversations." Biblical love includes encouragement, correction, and truth.



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Why does Scripture describe the church as a household or family?
- 2 How does modern culture encourage isolation and anonymity?
- 3 What responsibilities do believers have toward one another?
- 4 How does shared life strengthen spiritual growth?
- 5 Why does visible love strengthen Gospel witness?
- 6 What practical steps can churches take to cultivate covenant relationships?



### APPLICATION FOCUS

- ✓ Build meaningful relationships within the church.
- ✓ Practice hospitality and encouragement.
- ✓ Bear one another's burdens.
- ✓ Participate actively in church life.
- ✓ Pursue unity and forgiveness.



### PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for unity within the church.
- Pray for deeper love among believers.
- Pray for meaningful fellowship.
- Pray for healing in strained relationships.
- Pray for Christ to strengthen His people together.

CHRIST JOINS HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER  
AS ONE HOUSEHOLD, ONE BODY,  
AND ONE COVENANT FAMILY,  
UNDER THE FATHER'S CARE.

