

THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY

*Belonging To God Means
Belonging To His People*



BIG IDEA

Through Christ, believers become part of God's family. The church is meant to be a place of:

- ✓ belonging,
- ✓ encouragement,
- ✓ care,
- ✓ growth,
- ✓ and shared life together.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:19

"...fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

- Romans 12:10
- Galatians 6:10
- 1 Timothy 3:15
- John 13:35

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG TO GOD'S FAMILY?

The church is more than:

- a building,
- an event,
- or a crowd.

Believers become:

brothers and sisters in Christ.

God gathers His people into:

- a spiritual family,
- a caring community,
- and a shared life centered upon Jesus.

SESSION INFO

ESTIMATED TIME

45
MINUTES

MAIN QUESTION

What does it mean to belong to God's family?

THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS

1 THE CHURCH IS A PLACE OF BELONGING

Everyone wants:

- acceptance,
- love,
- and community.

Through Christ, believers are welcomed into *God's household.*

2 CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER

- encouraging,
- helping,
- praying,
- forgiving,
- and supporting one another.

Christianity is meant to be lived *together.*

3 JESUS CREATES A NEW KIND OF FAMILY

The church brings together people from:

- different backgrounds,
- personalities,
- ages,
- and experiences.

Christ unites believers through:

*one Lord,
one Gospel,
and one Spirit.*

THINK ABOUT IT

- 1 Why do people naturally long for belonging and community?
- 2 What makes someone feel welcomed and accepted?
- 3 How can Christians care for one another better?
- 4 How can your youth group reflect God's family more clearly?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This week:

- encourage another person,
- include someone who feels left out,
- help someone practically, or intentionally strengthen relationships at church.

Ask yourself: *"How can I help others feel loved and welcomed?"*

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for bringing us into Your family through Jesus Christ. Help us love one another faithfully, encourage one another well, and reflect Christ through our shared life together. In Jesus' name, amen.

MEMORY VERSE

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