

Why Church Family?

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Questions: What image or memory comes to mind when you think of the family table? What was your experience? How is your experience of family now similar or different from your family of origin?

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Read John 1:12

Questions: Where in the New Testament does it talk about being “born again”? “Adopted” into God’s family?

Read Ephesians 1:4-5

The whole reason God created the universe is He wanted a family.

Rick Warren

Read 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 1:3

To be a child of God is “more important than your nationality, or your gender, or your business, or anything else.”

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The immediate family is the local church.

Questions: Do you view the church as family? Why or why not? How do you view the church family table? Where are you in relation to the table? Who else is at the table? What is the dynamic at the table?

Christian unity is recognition of what already is and then an alignment with our heart, thoughts, attitude and actions to this reality.

Questions: How does it look different to approach unity this way? What step do you need to take to align your heart, thought, attitude or actions with the reality that in Jesus we are all one family?

Read 1 John 3; I Corinthians 11:17-34

Questions: What does it look like to examine yourself? What are you doing that is pulling the church family together?