

Our Core Values: Family

Sunday, January 21, 2024 | Text: Galatians 4:4-7

“We exist to glorify God by making disciples of all nations.”

Our Core Values: *Worship, Gospel, Family, Mission*

Main Idea: *As members of God’s family,
we love God and one another.*

1. What does it mean to be God’s family?

CREATION – FALL - REDEMPTION

Genesis 1:26–27; 2:18; 12:1–3; Exodus 4:22; Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Power --> Gospel Purpose

Col. 1:12–14; Eph. 2:1–5; 2 Cor. 5:17; Jn 1:10–13

Adoption

“What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God for his Father.” (J.I. Packer)

“Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.” (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 34)

Eph 1:4–5; Gal 4:4–7; Rom. 8:14–17, 29, 1 John 3:1–2

Vertical Relationship --> Father --> Inheritance

Horizontal Relationships --> brothers & sisters --> church family

2. Why would we not experience family in the church?

We struggle to believe it

Our personal story

Where we live

We lack knowledge of God.

Our circumstances

The wrong paradigm

Consumer mentality

Many distractions

Fear

The idol of independence

Club Mentality

Prosperity

Disobedience

1 Corinthians 13:7

3. How can we live together as a church family?

- **Keep the Gospel the Main Thing** Hebrews 12:1-3
- **Commit to it!** Acts 2:42–47; John 13:34–35
- **Welcome others into the Family.** Romans 15:5–7

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: What has God done for us in the gospel? How does God become our Father? Why is it important to grasp our adoption? How is adoption to goal of history? What impact does our vertical relationship with God have with our horizontal relationships with others? Do you see your church as family? Pastor Brian thinks that our biggest struggles come from not being convinced of who we really are in Christ. Do you agree or disagree? Why? Go through the list under point 2 and discuss if any of those are a struggle for you. How could you overcome? Discuss practical ways you can contribute to living better together as a church family.

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