

Who We Are Week 1: The Family of God

Main Idea

You were created to be part of the family of God.

Starter

What is something you are grateful for in your life right now?

Discuss

How can we pray for you and/or your family?

Spend some time praying together as the Holy Spirit leads.

Scripture

Ask for volunteers to read a few different passages where we see the theme of the “family of God” in Scripture.

- Take turns reading the following passages: [Genesis 1:26-31](#), [John 1:12-14](#), [Ephesians 2:18-22](#), [1 Peter 2:9-12](#). Then, discuss:
- What do these passages show you about God’s desire for us to live as a family of faith?
- What encourages or challenges you about these passages?
- To what degree have you experienced church as “family”? Why or why not?

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#) and discuss:

- What do you notice about the early church’s practice of faith?
- What are some ways you think our group could grow in living on mission as a family?

Apply

Give everyone a moment to pause and pray about the following questions.

- How do I need to embrace my identity as a child of God more fully?
- What is a step God might be leading me to take to build up His family?

Then, break up into groups of 3-4 to share your reflections and spend time praying for each other as the Holy Spirit leads. Also, pray for God to strengthen His church to live as the family He designed us to be.