
Study 5

How should we relate to one another?

Get Talking

1. When have you felt most like a family at church? When have you seen the church function most like a family?
2. What would a healthy church family look like?

Investigate – We are adopted into God’s family

3. Have a look at Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:4–5; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:15–17 – What is the common theme in these verses and how does it shape the way we think about our relationship with God and one another?
4. How does the language of adoption into a family add to the overall picture of what church is and isn’t?

Investigate – We are a family that loves each other

5. What is love defined as in 1 John 3:16; 4:7-10? Why is Christ the epitome of love?
6. If God is love (1 John 4:8)? What does that mean for people who claim to be in fellowship with him? (1 John 3:16-18; John 15:12-14)
7. In what practical ways can we better love our brothers and sisters at Emmanuel?

8. What practical ways does Peter call the Christian community to live out being family? (1 Peter 4:7-11)

9. What stops us from being the family God calls us to be? Why is it sometimes hard to be the family of God? How can we avoid these pitfalls? (look at Hebrews 10:24-25)