

GOD'S FAMILY

Week 6: GOD'S FAMILY

Daily I **WILL** seek to live peaceably in community with other believers.

- *Commit to grow and serve in a local church.*
- *The church is not a building, it's the family of God.*
- *Grow in your faith with other believers.*

Loneliness and isolation are plagues that run rampant throughout the hearts and souls of people of all ages. In His divine wisdom, God created us with a need for relationship with Him and with others. We were never meant to live life alone or lonely. Unfortunately, sometimes choosing to do life alone is the result of broken trust, sin that brings shame, or the fear of being hurt or rejected. Maybe you have experienced some of these. Friend, God wants to heal you and show you the power of restoration through His family. God is a Father of sons and daughters and He has no greater joy than when His children are walking in the way of truth, together. No family is perfect and neither is this one, but God's love is perfect among us and binds us together for good purposes.

He rescues us from darkness, and then He places us in a family, called His Church. The local church is called "the body of Christ," with Christ being the head. The Church is here to teach us to love, be challenged, be accountable to each other, and grow among other believers. It's important to the life of a believer to cultivate Christian friendships. Your friends and the people you associate with are like flashing arrows pointing you to a destination so make sure you are going somewhere good and in good company.

Do all you can to be a friend, a brother, and a sister to stir up one another in love and good works.

Supporting Statements:

- There is power in the corporate gathering of God's family.
- Surround yourself with people with the same Godly values.
- Just as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another - Proverbs 27:17
- You will learn things being with people that you will never learn alone.
- You belong to this family and you always have a seat at this table.

Read these passages:

Ephesians 2:19-22, Colossians 3:12-17



Answer the following questions in discussion form:

- What does this passage reveal about the nature of God?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- What does this passage reveal about me?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, we will reach out to another believer with encouragement. You can write a note to your Pastor, text a friend, or drop someone a message on social media. Get creative!