



INTRODUCTION

We were designed to need others. We are not meant to be isolated and alone, but to be connected together. Jesus commanded His followers to “love one another” and to be known by our love. Therefore, the church should work to create a place where people can experience love and become part of a family... a place to belong.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think that Jesus said that our unity is one of the best demonstrations that we are his disciples?
2. Describe a time when someone from our church treated you as a member of the same household.
3. In the first century, the biggest hindrance to unity in the church was the severe division between Jews and Gentiles. What divides us today?
4. Read **Ephesians 2:19-21**. What contributes or hinders our church from demonstrating its identity as a family?
5. What does the phrase ‘*carefully joined together*’ refer to? Who does the joining? What might this mean practically for our lives?
6. What does it mean to be a member of God’s family? What privileges and responsibilities do we have? What privileges and responsibilities do those in your household have?

MOVING FORWARD

In John 13:34, Jesus exhorts his disciples to follow his example by loving one another. This proves that we are his followers when we show love to others. How can we be more intentional in demonstrating Christ’s love by connecting together and inviting others to join us as the family of God?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:35