



## COMMUNITY AS FAMILY - CREATED FOR COMMUNITY SERIES

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### Life Group Discussion

#### Warm up:

1. Share family Thanksgiving traditions with each other.

#### Study & Discussion:

1. What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?
2. Read the Conventional Definition of Family: A group of persons united by the ties of marriage, blood, or adoption, constituting a single household and interacting with each other in their respective social positions, usually those of spouses, parents, children, and siblings. Spend some time picking it apart - add to it; subtract from it
3. Discuss the different types of families mentioned in the sermon. Were any family types missed? Ex. Single Parent Family, Extended Family, Childless Family, Step Family, Grandparent Family, Blended Family, Family with 2 dads or 2 moms Modern Family
4. Read Galatians 4:4-7. What stands out most to you from these verses? Share examples of adoption - personal or otherwise. Read the book of Philemon together.
5. Discuss these statements: In the Family of God...
  1. Everyone's accepted
  2. Everyone's forgiven
  3. Everyone's on the same level - no pecking order

4. Everyone's an heir (no squabbling over inheritance)
5. All have the same older brother (gave His life for us all)
6. All have the same Father (loves us all the same - no favourites)
7. Everyone's welcome - there's always room for more.

6. Answer the following question as a group: How can our community of faith act more like a family?

#### Practicing the Way of Jesus: Community

1. If you are not already in a community group of some kind (life group, regular and intentional meetings with others) then reach out to someone and create a plan to become a community, to share meals together, pray together, and to work to become like Jesus together.

#### Prayer: