

Text: Matt 12:46-50; Eph 4:11-16
Topics: Church, Family, Relationships
Series: God's Church Here ~ Our Vision

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Solo Christian?

I. A Family Relationship (Matthew 12:46-50)

Jesus elevated His relationship with His followers to that of family.

Do I treat the people of my church like my family?

II. A Family Responsibility (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Every follower of Christ has a responsibility to build up their church family.

How am I helping build my church family?

Glorify God by Joining Christ > Building Families > Transforming Communities

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

Warm up: Have you been called brother or sister by a fellow Christian? If so, what were your thoughts and/or feelings?

1. Read Matthew 12:46-50. What does Jesus tell the crowd that is listening to Him? What would be the implication for their relationships with each other?

Do you see your relationships with others in your church in this way? With everyone? Do you see parallels between the relationships in a church and the relationships in a family? Explain.

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. What metaphor does Paul give for the church and what point is he making about relationships in the church?

What are some of your challenges to seeing your relationships in the church like what is described here?

3. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What is God's purpose for giving certain gifts to some in His church? (Verses 11-12)

List the objectives for people that you see in verses 13-16 that move people toward this purpose.

How are you helping build your church family?