

THE CHURCH IS FAMILY

BIG TRUTH: THE CHURCH IS FAMILY

Ephesians 2:19; 1 John 3:14; 5:1

BIBLE VERSE: GALATIANS 6:10

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

BIG IDEAS

- God's family is devoted to pursuing spiritual growth with one another.
- God's family shares their lives with one another.
- God's family is committed to pursue holiness with one another.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 6:1-18

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- The church is a family.
- The church is given by God.
- The church exists for God.



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the unique ways God has gifted them and their church.
- Appreciation for the elders and leaders that God has gifted their church.



Every student should strive to...

- Prioritize gathering to worship each week with their church family.
- Learn more about membership in their local church.
- Do something to intentionally serve someone in their church family each week



Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursue holiness with their church family.
- To have their lives be marked by love for the church.
- To live in a way that is sacrificial and generous for the good of others and the glory of God

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to live life with other believers. We will pray for open and honest hearts that we might grow together with the body and we will practice pursuing holiness with other believers.

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**Read and meditate on Galatians 6:1-18 this week.**

As you read and ponder these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How have you experienced the benefit of sharing life with the family of God? How have you helped others pursue holiness? How have others helped you pursue holiness?

Consider how you can grow spiritually and help others to grow spiritually. What does it look like in your daily life to seek spiritual growth with other believers? How can you facilitate a group study or prayer time to help pursue spiritual growth together?

**Spend time praying that you would not allow pride or any other obstacle keep you from pursuing holiness with the family of God.**

- Spend time praying with your parents. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pursue spiritual growth with the family of God.

**Make a list of the worldly, fleshly attitudes and behaviors that you need to put off in order to pursue holiness.**

- Write down godly attributes that can replace the fleshly ones. Commit to pursue these godly attributes this week.
- Discuss with your small group leader some of the godly attributes you want to put on. Discuss ways you can practically pursue godliness with other believers.