



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Identity Check

Who Am I As a Family Member?

Read/Reflect

1. Read Colossians 3:18-4:1 and then carefully read Colossians 3:12-17, recognizing that Paul is applying attitudes and values (from verses 12-17) to specific and real-life categories (verses 18-4:1). What parallels between the two sections can you make?
2. Read Matthew 12: 46-50. What impression does this give you of how Jesus regarded family members? Then read John 19:25-27. How would you explain the two (seemingly disparate) passages?

Explore

3. Who are you as a family member, as you see yourself now?

<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor	<input type="checkbox"/> Entitled	<input type="checkbox"/> Care-giver
<input type="checkbox"/> Servant	<input type="checkbox"/> Alone	<input type="checkbox"/> Harmonizer
<input type="checkbox"/> Boss	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediator	<input type="checkbox"/> "savior"
<input type="checkbox"/> Slave	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
4. How would you describe the ideal family? How does your role as a family member fit into that ideal?
5. What differences would you identify between current culture expectations for your role in the family (for example as husband, wife, mother, father, child, parent, grandparent) and Christian expectations or values?
6. Consider your role as husband, or wife, or children, or parents, or employer, or employees. Which values and attitudes would you like to improve to better reflect Christ and the gospel and more boldly build the family of God (see verses 12-17)?

Pray

- Pray that who you are as a Christ-follower comes through in every aspect of being a family-member.
- Give thanks to God for the opportunities he gives you in your role as a family member to build the community of Christ?