

“Finding Family”

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

Connect to a church family.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47 (NLT)

Commit to my church family.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NLT)

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

Care for my church family.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

- **We give & receive encouragement.**

When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

Romans 1:12 (NLT)

- **We give & receive comfort.**

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

- **We give & receive motivation.**

The words of the wise are like cattle prods - painful but helpful. Their collected sayings are like a nail-studded stick with which a shepherd drives the sheep.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 (NLT)

- **We give & receive help.**

When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

Find your family.

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family.

Ephesians 2:19 (NLT)

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What is your favorite kids movie & Why?
2. How far away is your biological family spread out?
3. Dory got separated from her family. Tell of a time you felt lost or distant from your family, how did that feel?

What did you do to get close again?

4. Re-read Acts 2:42-47. It's easy to just go to church and sneak out the door quickly after, why do some people resist letting others into their lives?

How can you connect to your church family each week?

5. Re-read Romans 12:13. In Finding Nemo, Marlin needed Dory's help to find his son. In Finding Dory, Dory needed Marlin's help to find her family. Why is helping each other so important to building relationships?

6. Who needs some encouragement in your life right now?

Who needs some comfort in your life right now?

Who needs some motivation in your life right now?

Who needs some help in your life right now?

7. How can you make some new people in your life family?