

## How are they similar?

1. Both are communities of mutual \_\_\_\_\_.

Pastoral care is not just the job of the \_\_\_\_\_!

2. We are committed to the good of the \_\_\_\_\_.

It matters because you're not just a \_\_\_\_\_ of it, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ of you.

3. Both nurture the next \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- New \_\_\_\_\_

4. We carry our Father's \_\_\_\_\_.



## The Family of God

“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 12:50

### Our identity:

“*We are the family of God*, called and empowered by God, to give ourselves for the glory of God and the good of the world.”

We are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Some of our focus on the family is out of step with the Bible:

1. We have treated \_\_\_\_\_ people more of an ideal than \_\_\_\_\_.

- Matthew 19:10-11
- 1 Cor 7

2. We focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

We should expect similar things from the \_\_\_\_\_ as we do the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

### **Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50**

Jesus' response to his family is \_\_\_\_\_ to evangelical ears.

Another problem: We tend to think \_\_\_\_\_.

The world of the bible was \_\_\_\_\_-group culture.

We live in a \_\_\_\_\_-group culture.

The "Church as Family" is a direct challenge to both weak and strong group cultures.

The gospel requires us to \_\_\_\_\_ our own goals and fulfillment for the sake of God's purpose, the good of each other and our neighbors

### **Differences between church family and nuclear family:**

1. We are allow to \_\_\_\_\_ each other!

2. We have an \_\_\_\_\_ family.

3. We grow not just through \_\_\_\_\_, but by \_\_\_\_\_.