

# Family Matters

## Church Family

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Having a church family around you is one of the biggest ways God helps us to grow. Here's how you can make the most of your church family.

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we're living for. | Ephesians 1, v.11
  - Am I good enough? Do I matter? Am I loved? You don't have to wonder anymore.
  - Knowing who you are and what you're living for doesn't all come at once. It's a process.
  - God often uses this church family that we're adopted into to help us grow into the person he wants us to be.
  - Five keys to making the most of your church family
  - First key: You need coaching.
  - "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." | Matthew 7, vv.24-25
  - Second key: You need connection.
  - We need people around us who will always help point us to God.
  - If you're going to grow into the person God always dreamed for you to be, you're not going to get there in isolation.
  - He that walks with the wise will become wise, the companion of fools suffers harm. | Proverbs 13, v.20
  - Third key: You need to contribute to a cause.
  - As a church, we want to be known for what we're for. We need to give to, serve, and love the people around us.
  - Fourth key: You need to care for and be cared for by others.
  - Fifth key: You need to celebrate and be celebrated by others.
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The apostle Paul writes that it's in Christ that we find out we are and what we're living for. On your best days, how would you describe who it is you are and what you're living for?
2. Knowing who we are and what we're living for is a process. When you're struggling with who you are or your purpose, what challenges or questions or fears do you have about yourself?
3. Five ways to make the most of church: coaching, connection, contributing to a cause, caring for and being cared for, celebrating and being celebrated—which of these is your favorite or has made the most impact for you?
4. Which of those five ways is the biggest challenge for you? Why?