

**We Are Family**

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1. Review the six points on the sermon outline. Which one are you doing particularly well? Which one do you most need to improve?

*As members of God's family, we...*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another. [Jn. 13:34;  
1 Thess. 4:9-10]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Lev. 19:33-34; Heb. 13:1-2]

3. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another. [Col. 3:16]

4. \_\_\_\_\_ life's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
[Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2]

5. \_\_\_\_\_ one another. [Eph. 4:2-3]

6. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ [1 Jn. 4:11-12; Jn. 13:34-35]

**Prayer Concerns:**

## Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

### Getting started:

1. How is FCCO your family? In what ways has our church given you a sense of love, nurture, and belonging?

### Digging deeper:

#### Read Ephesians 2:11-22

1. Before Jesus, we were lost and alone. We were separated from Christ and God's family. What did Jesus do to bring us near to God? In what ways has He made us a true and everlasting family?
2. Jesus "*destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility*" [14b] that once separated us from God. How did Jesus also free us from the separation we can experience from one another? How does the blood of Christ free us from hiding and holding back our true selves from one another?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10. Paul commends the church for their love for one another. But then, he urges them to "*do so more and more.*" How can you grow in your love for your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? How can your Growth Group become more loving?

4. Colossians 3:16. Jesus commissioned us to "*go and make disciples*" [Matthew 28:18-20]. How are we to disciple one another in the church?

5. Read Leviticus 19:33-34 and Hebrews 13:1-2. How are we to treat those who come to our church but do not share our biblical views on various issues (e.g., sexuality, gender, abortion, etc.)? Practically speaking, how are we to engage people with grace and truth?

6. Read 1 John 4:11-12 and John 13:34-35. How can the world see Christ in us?

### Taking it Home:

2. To experience the joys and blessings of our church family, we must each open our hearts to one another. We must take steps to develop relationships with others. Are you doing this? Does the Lord want you to give yourself to family life at FCCO more fully?