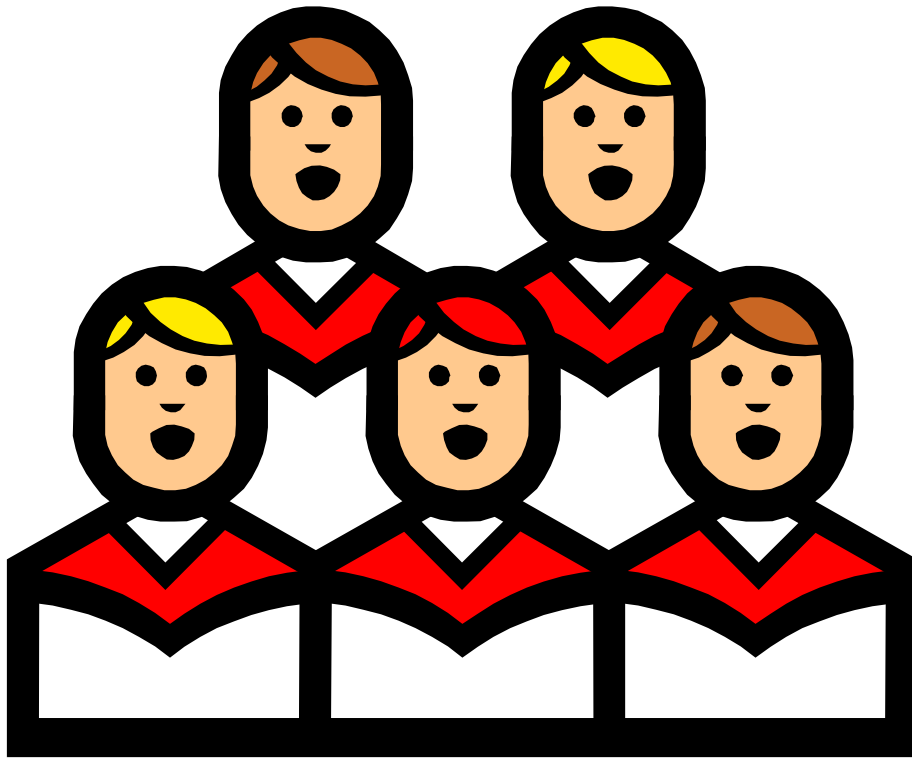


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2010 Bible study



Family
4. God's family

Family studies 4 - Our eternal family in Christ.

Discuss.

What is adoption ? What are the benefits of adoption ?

When people become Christians, they immediately become a member of God's family. It's like being adopted into a new family. Our family relationship with one another goes beyond the biological bond. It is formed by a spiritual bond united in Christ's love, someone described church as :

“The local church is a family of believers who gather in a habit of love, who depend on each other in service and who listen to God in humility as his word dwells richly among them.”

According to this definition, what 3 things make the church a family?

In **1 John 3:11-18** what kind of description does the writer of the letter use to address Christians ?

How are Christians to treat each other (**1 John 5:1-4**)?

What is the motivation for Christian brotherly/sisterly love?

In **Eph 2:18-22**, how is the temple used to describe the family of God (God's household)

In ***Gal 6:1-10***, how are Christians to regard each other and other people (6:10)?

6:2

6:3

6:9-10

In ***Rom 8:14-17***, what happens to people when they receive the Spirit?

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V16-17

In ***Hebrews 3:1-6***, How do we remain in God's household (or family)?

In ***Hebrews 10:19-25***, Why is it important to keep meeting with believers?

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V24



Discuss.

For Christians believers.

How is church like a spiritual family for you? How does it express the following :

- a. Service. How you serve each other?
- b. Commitment. What kind of commitment or time do you give for each other?
- c. Practical Love. What do you do to help each other?
- d. Spiritual care. How do you urge each other on in serving Jesus?

How many spiritual families do you have currently and how do you devote your time to each?

e.g. Focus /church / CU others, etc

How is the spiritual family similar to your natural family?

How is the spiritual family different from you natural family?

For Non Christians:

In your opinion what is a church and why do you think Christians meet for church?

If someone asked you to come to church or a Bible study group what would be the reason for you to come (ie. Why do you like coming?) ?

Any Questions?

Pray.