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Week 4—We Are Family

Text: Ephesians 2:19–22

Ephesians 2:19–22 (NIV) *“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, 20built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”*

Powerful Point: Everything God is about stems out of relationship. God’s design for the church is to be a place of connection and a place where we can be a part of a spiritual family. The bottom line is: we are designed for relationships and we need each other in order to do Christianity successfully.

Definition of Fellowship—(Greek) *koinonia* means to have a partnership, share a burden with intimacy, communion, and to have communication

Key Ingredients of Christian Family Relationships:

- 1) Encouragement (Hebrews 3:13)
- 2) Humor (Proverbs 17:22)
- 3) Giving (Luke 6:38)
- 4) Forgiveness (Colossians 3:13)
- 5) Accountability (Proverbs 27:17)
- 6) Serving (Matthew 20:28)

The only way we can have AUTHENTIC relationship is by being real with others!

Take off the mask.