

Sermon Outline

THE CHURCH FAMILY WE BELONG TO | Geoff Lin

Readings: Luke 8:19-21; Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 4:7-13

1. The God we belong to
2. The Global Mission Taskforce we belong to
3. **The church family we belong to**

1. What God is doing in us individually and collectively ...

Rom 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Lk 8:19 Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. 20 Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." 21 He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

2. (Some) implications:

i. How membership works in our church family ...

- attend a gathering every Sunday

- join a growth group

Q. What if I'm already in another Bible Study Group?

- get involved in service

ii. How leadership works in our church family ...

Eph 4:11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

- pastoral staff

- gathering leadership teams

- ministry support staff

- Ministry Apprentices and Student Ministers

Q. Who should make the first move?

iii. How financial partnership works in our church family ...

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