

God's Forever Family

Ephesians 3.14-19

Introduction

I. The Relationships of the Forever Family

A. I _____ of the Relationship (I knell)

B. S _____ of the Relationship (for whom all fatherhood)

C. P _____ of the Relationship (before heaven and earth)

II. The Prayer for God's Forever Family

A. S _____ in the inner man

B. R _____ and E _____ in love that surpasses knowledge

C. F _____ with the fullness of God

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- Are your remembrances of family positive and helpful as images for the church, or negative and hurtful? How so?
- How is God our Father?
- How is Christ our brother?
- How is it we are brothers and sisters?
- Are there those in our congregation you are comfortable to share the intimate parts of your life and feel safe?
- What can we do to help people feel safe and secure in our congregation?
- We live in a mobile and changing culture. How has this impacted the concept of family—both biological and spiritual?
- How often do you pray for our congregation? Would you be willing to commit to praying daily for our congregation?
- Make a list of specific requests you could pray about that would strengthen our "inner man".
- Define love?
- What is love that surpasses knowledge?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13.4-7.
- What strikes you in those words as the aspect of love we need the most right now?
- What needs to change in you so that you would declare yourself to be more mature in your faith in Christ?
- How can you help us to be more of a family here?