How Do We Live In God's Family?

1.	Think
2.	God's Family
3.	View & Treat Each Other as
4.	Look to Our
— NE	EXT STEPS: Write down one way you've been treating church

too individually and one practical change you can make to move

toward treating it more like God's family.

NEXT WEEK: The Church Is A Family | A Family of Love

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FAMILY

God's Family

John 1:11–13; Galatians 4:1–7 Sunday, September 3, 2023 Darren Nelson

In our modern, western culture of radical individualism, the Gospel calls us to radical group commitment to the family of God—the church. Today we begin diving into what that means for us as a church in a new 4-week series called "The Church Is A Family."

What Is God's Family?

How Do We Get Into God's Family?

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT (ask this question to check-in with your group)

With the change from summer to fall, what are you going to miss from summer? And what are you looking forward to in fall?

DISCUSS (use some of these questions to process God's Word together)

1. What were your major takeaways from the texts and message this week?

2. Share any stories or anecdotes of how you've seen our church functioning like a family.

3. How do we enter the family of God? And why is it such a privilege to be brought into this family?

4. Why is looking to Jesus—His example, teachings, and death and resurrection—so vital for us if we are going to lean into his design for the church?

5. Identify the introverts and extroverts in the room (just ask them to raise their hands). Then have people from each category share how all this talk of church being a family hits them.

6. Have people share their "next step" from this week's message: What is one practical change you can make to start treating church more like a family?

PRAY (use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)

- Pray for your Growth Group to begin to function more like a family.
- Pray for our church to function more and more like a family.
- Pray for one another's spiritual and physical needs.