

Galatians: The Letter that Saved the Church, Week 6

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Reflect + Discuss

- What comes to mind when you think of the word “family”? Are there any people in your life who, though unrelated to you, feel like family?
- Read Galatians 4:12-20 and consider the following:
 - What does the language in this passage reveal about Paul’s history and relationship with the Galatians?
 - How does this passage illustrate what the church as family looks like?
 - How does this compare to your understanding of the role of the church in your life?
- What is your initial reaction to the idea of being loyal to God’s family over any other group? What do you find most difficult about thinking of the church as family—the desire to put your natural family first, bad experiences with people in the church, or our individualistic culture?
- Share about a time in your life when the church really felt like family to you, or a time when you felt disconnected from/disappointed by your church family. How did these experiences impact the way you think about Christian community?
- What are some obstacles that threaten to break up God’s family? For example, some people are passionate about good causes but speak without concern for church unity. How can we have honest conversations and disagreements without pulling apart our church family?
- If you see the church as your family, then what implications does this have for your life? What are some tangible ways we can bear each other’s burdens and be zealous about each other’s spiritual growth and formation?

Pray

Pray that God would give you eyes to see other Christ followers as family members, regardless of denomination, political affiliation, worship style, etc. Pray for unity within the body of Christ, both at Blackhawk and globally.

Next Steps

Register for the [Galatians Study with Charles Yu](#) weekly webinar.

Consider someone you know from church who is facing a tough time. What would it look like to love them like a family member? Determine an action you can take this week to love on them.

Is there someone within your church family who you are in disagreement with? Before approaching your next conversation with them, spend some time in prayer asking God to bless the other person.

Pray for their health and that they would flourish in God's family. Pray for humility and openness to hear the other person's perspective.

If you are not already part of a group at Blackhawk, go to our [Groups page](#) and see if there is a group for you to join. Or, consider forming your own group for prayer, accountability, book discussion, etc. with a handful of friends.