

# FAMILY FIRST

## *We Love by...Committing to One Another*

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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### REVIEW:

- Our shared DNA means our priority is to \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
- Love looks like:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to one another.

True or False?

*Love has no room for obligation. When there is love, the word 'duty' disappears. It is the man with no love in his heart who talks of rights and duties, and in this country duties and rights have taken the place of love.*

- Jiddu Krishnamurti

### FIVE REASONS WE DON'T LIKE TO COMMIT ...to anything

- #1 Fear of \_\_\_\_\_.
- #2 \_\_\_\_\_
- #3 Waiting for a better \_\_\_\_\_.
- #4 We don't want to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- #5 Past \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5 IMPLICATIONS OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

*For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. (1 Corinthians 11:18-19)*

### **1. Our relationship with other believers is a \_\_\_\_\_ of our decision to follow Christ.**

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. v. 12*

### **2. Our relationship with other believers is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.**

*For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. v. 13*

### **3. Our relationship with other believers is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For the body does not consist of one member but of many... vv. 14-24*

### **4. Our relationship with other believers is Jesus' plan for our \_\_\_\_\_.**

*But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. vv. 24-26*

### **5. Our relationship with other believers is a \_\_\_\_\_ we live out.**

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. v. 27*

## 5 THINGS WE LOSE WHEN WE DON'T COMMIT TO A FELLOWSHIP

*“No one can have God for his father, who has not the church for his mother.”*

– Cyprian of Carthage

### 1. **Deep and meaningful \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47)*

### 2. **\_\_\_\_\_ and involvement in the work of God.**

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)*

### 3. **\_\_\_\_\_ we need to stay faithful to the Lord.**

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

**4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to a watching world.**

*The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:22-23)*

**5. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ for us.**

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:1-3)*

**NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY FIRST:  
We Love by...Praying for One Another  
(Ephesians 3:14-21)**

**Legend:**

Our shared DNA means our priority is to love one another.  
Accepting one another.  
Encouraging one another.  
Committing to one another.  
1. Fear of failure.  
2. FOMO  
3. Waiting for a better time.  
4. We don't want to be trapped.  
5. Past experiences.  
Our relationship with other believers is a consequence of our decision to follow Christ.

Our relationship with other believers is mediated by the Holy Spirit.  
Our relationship with other believers is by design.  
Our relationship with other believers is Jesus' plan for our care.  
Our relationship with other believers is a commitment we live out.  
Deep and meaningful relationships.  
Investment and involvement in the work of God.  
Support we need to stay faithful to the Lord.  
Our witness to a watching world.  
Jesus' plan for us.