

**The Church is the  
Family of God  
Ephesians 2:19-22**

# Introduction (MRT/HDB blocks/Hawker centres)

The church is not :

- ❖ A building
- ❖ A weekly event
- ❖ An organization

**The church is God's household (Family)**

“You are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” (Eph 2:19)

# **1. We are adopted into God's Family (Eph 2:11-22; Rom 8:15)**

“You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’”

God is not just our Creator; He is our Father (Luke 6:9)

“Our Father in heaven...”

## 2. We are brothers and sisters (Galatians 3:28)

**“You are all one in Christ Jesus.”**

- ❖ Different backgrounds - one family
- ❖ Different cultures – one household
- ❖ Different personalities – one body

Reflect

- Do we treat each other like family
- Or like strangers sitting in the same room

### **3. We grow together as a family (Eph 2:21)**

**“In Him the whole structure... grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”**

We are living stones, being built together (1 Pet 2:5)

We cannot grow fully as a Christian alone.

#### **Application**

- Be committed to the family
- Don't isolate yourself
- Be involved in fellowship, prayer, and service.

## 4. We care for one another as Family (1 Cor 12:26)

**“If one member suffers, all suffer together.”**

What does it mean?

- Encouraging the discouraged
- Helping those in need
- Bearing one another's burdens
- Forgiving one another

Families are not perfect. But love chooses to stay

## 5. We represent our Father to the world (Jn 13:35)

**“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

The world will not first see our theology; they will see our relationships

The church becomes a living picture of God’s love when we live as His family.

# Our response

Are you living as part of the family, or just attending services?

Is there someone in the church you need to:

- Forgive / ask for forgiveness
- Reach out to
- Care for
- What can each of us do **this week** to strengthen the family of God in Praise EFC?

# The definition of family:

“A group of people who have learned how to live and communicate honestly with each other, who have put off their masks and be their real selves to one another, who have committed themselves to rejoice and mourn together, to delight in each other, to make others’ conditions their own.”

# Closing Prayer

**“Father, thank you that you did not leave us alone.  
Through Jesus, you have made us your children and  
placed us in your family.**

**Help us to love one another, and to live as your  
family.**

**May our church reflect your heart to the world.**

**In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

# Discussion Questions

1. Which of the 5 qualities of a family is most need in Praise EFC?  
Share the reason for your answer
2. Share a personal experience where you were touched by the love shown to you by members in the church
3. What can you do this week to strengthen further the family of God in the church?

