

Living Your Purpose Discussion Guide
Lesson 3 - Numerical Strength
(February 4, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: What do you cherish about the family you grew up in?

Dive Deeper:

1. Read John 1:12-13. Who belongs to God's family and how do we become a part of it? According to Romans 8:29, Galatians 4:6-7, and Philipians 4:19, list a few benefits of being a part of God's family.
2. The Christian life entails more than believing, it also necessitates belonging. Read Ephesians 1:5. Why would God want to adopt us into his family?
3. Describe a healthy family. How is this similar to a healthy church family? Read Acts 2:42 and discuss how the early church family functioned. How can we devote ourselves to our small group or church family?
4. Read Galatians 5:6, Matthew 22:37-40, and 1 Corinthians 14:1a. Why should expressing love and nurturing relationships take priority in a believer's life? What hinders believers from building meaningful relationships?
5. Define fellowship. Discuss the benefits of Christian fellowship mentioned in Ecclesiastes 4:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, James 5:16, Colossians 3:16 and Hebrews 10:24-25. Share how you have experienced encouragement and support from the family of God.
6. Read Romans 12:9-16, James 5:19-20 and 1 John 3:16. Discuss a few of our responsibilities as brothers and sisters in Christ. Which of these responsibilities seem to be more challenging? How should we pursue our purpose of caring, protecting, and building up our church family in 2024?

Encouragement: *We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love. Ephesians 4:16b MSG*

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?