



LIFE GROUP SERMON NOTES

“Building Family Together ”

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WARM-UP (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. *No right or wrong answers.*

- What’s your least favorite house chore? Who is primarily responsible for that particular chore in your household?
- What are you good at? What kind of talents or abilities do you have?
- Do you enjoy having people over in your home? How do you feel when people show up in your home uninvited?

WORD (10-15 minutes)

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From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:16

And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

The Bible teaches that Jesus is building His church, but it also says that the church builds itself up. Jesus builds his church because He is the one who adds people to it, and he is the one who gives spiritual gifts. The church builds itself up when every member uses his/her gifts and opportunities.

- 1. Building a family is hard work: To build a natural or a spiritual family requires hard work. Things don’t happen romantically; rather, it requires intentionality and investment of time, energy, money, love, and forgiveness.**
- 2. Building a family requires everybody to work together. No family can survive in the long run if only one person is giving while the other(s) are benefiting from that one person’s effort without adding anything to the common good themselves. This is true for any natural family, and it’s also true for a spiritual family. The Bible says that God has given each member a gift, and he expects them to use it. If you are a member of the body of Christ you certainly have a function.**

- 3. Building a family is also rewarding: Even though building a family is hard work, it's the most rewarding work you will ever do. Family gives to us the greatest joy, support, satisfaction, and fulfillment. As we build together, we enjoy a greater reward.**

Conclusion: How can I know what MY part is?

- **Look in: What am I good at?**
- **Look out: What needs are out there that I can meet?**
- **Look up: What has God called me to do?**

Many believers claim to be looking up for what God has called them to do, but meanwhile they are not willing to look in or out and meet the needs around them

PERSONAL APPLICATION (10-15 minutes)

Choose an item below to discuss, or introduce another related topic for discussion.

- What part has God called you to play in this house?
- What kind of gifts do you have? How can your gifting contribute to God's Kingdom?
- How can you increase your level of service? (to go beyond the call of duty)

PRAYER (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Pray that our church would experience a revival of gifting and fruitfulness.
- Pray that God will place you where you can be the most fruitful.
- Pray that God will increase your capacity of service.