

CONVERSATION GUIDE

LET'S TALK ABOUT CHURCH FAMILY

HERE'S THE BIG IDEA

In Matthew 12:48-50 Jesus refers to those who follow him as his true brothers and sisters. Meaning that he has made us part of his family. This also means that as we come together as the Church, we are to love and serve each other as family would for each other. Church is not a place just for our needs to be met but a place where a family gets together to carry each others burdens. The Church is not a collection of families. The Church is a Family.

CONVERSATION TIP | EMPOWERING LEADER

Effective Group leaders empower those in their group to take steps towards Growth. They come alongside members, providing truths, tools and testimony that empowers them in their personal growth in their relationship with God.

LET'S TALK

BREAK THE ICE

Q: *Share a fun or meaningful story from your Thanksgiving holiday.*

Q: *What does it mean to have a Church family?*

TELL ME THE TRUTH | MATTHEW 12:46-50

Matthew 12:46-50, "46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." 48 He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

We are to be present in and supportive of our Church family, just as we do with our immediate family. Because we are brothers and sisters in Christ, we should love and take care of one another.

Q: *Why are Jesus' followers referred to as his brothers and sisters?*

Q: *What similarities does a Church family and immediate family share? What are some differences?*

Q: *Read Galatians 5:13-14 aloud. Why is love important in these verses?*

Q: *How has your Church family impacted your life and/or relationship with God? How?*

GO DEEPER (OPTIONAL)

The Church family is meant to carry one another's burdens and to encourage one another's Faith. (Galatians 5:13-14)

Q: *How can you step into carry each other's burden?*

Q: *How can you step into encourage one another's faith?*

DO SOMETHING

If you want to get more involved in the 12Stone Church family, go to 12stone.com/serve to see where and how your skills are needed!

RESOURCES

"We Belong to a Church Family" – 12Stone Church, Dec. 1, 2019 (Message)

"The Church as Authentic Family" – RELEVANT Magazine (Article)

"5 Reasons Why Christians Need a Church Family" – Christian Post (Article)

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