

Next Steps:

It can be hard to remember that God's vision for believers (and people) in general was for healthy community. In the New Testament the metaphor of a "family" is just one of several used to help us better understand God's purpose for community. Spend some time this week looking at a few of the other metaphors. Ask yourself: (1.) What are the benefits explained by this metaphor? and (2.) What are the responsibilities?

Body Of Christ – Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Ephesians 4:1-16

Bride Of Christ – Revelation 19:7-8, Revelation 21:9

The Flock – John 10:1-21

The Temple Of God – 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

Next Week: Next Sunday is the first Sunday of October and we will be sharing in Communion together. During the message we will be taking an extended look at this incredible gift that God has given to us and all that it means and represents.