



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Guest House? No! The Church is Family

Ephesians 4:11-12

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### 1. All of The Family are Involved

None in a family is a guest. Everyone has something to add to the family. Every Christian is to be involved in the work of the ministry.

**Ephesians 4:11-12** “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Leaders are instructed to equip church members, not to replace them.

### 2. To Build Each Other Up

**Ephesians 4:12** “to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

We are to be a loving caring family that is called to built up the body of Christ. People get the wrong idea of church, if the church focuses mainly on gathering the needy and gives no attention to the people who are ready to grow to be a blessing to others. The church should welcome a variety of people so that church family can build each other up.

### 3. The Church is Family

Paul in his letter to the churches, he consistently writes about the Fatherhood of God and believer's relationships with one another as sisters and brothers in the Lord.

**Galatians 5:13** “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

### 4. Join the Family

The church is a family. Embrace your identity as a brother or sister in that family. If you see a need, fill it. If someone needs encouragement, encourage them. Open your home, share what you have with others. The Bible shows how the church is not as a religious club full of ministry programs, but as a family overflowing with servants, ready to serve one another.

Therefore, when we have church membership signup again, you're signing up to join the family not a club.