

Family Devotional

From February 26, 2017

Draw: Gather paper and art supplies and have each person in your group draw a picture of the church. Those are your only instructions. Once all are finished, go around and share what you drew with the group.

- How many people drew a picture of a building?
- What else was included in your picture?
- Did anyone include people in their picture?
- Who did you include? Why?

When God talks about the church, He's usually talking about the people involved in a community with Him at the center! A church building is a good place to meet, but anytime a group of believers gather and allow Christ to be at the center of their thoughts and actions, they are being the church. Read the following passage to find out what James says the role of the church should be in our lives.

Read: James 5:13-20

Reflect:

- According to this passage, what are ways the church should support one another?
- Why do you think Jesus wants people to be part of a community of believers?
- Go around and name people that have been the "church" in your life.

The church is like a big family! You don't have to answer these questions out loud, but do you always get along with everyone in your family? Often the people closest to us do things that upset and annoy us. However, we don't just get up and change families, we work through it. The same is true with our church family. When we speak truthfully to each other in love we strengthen our relationships and become a beautiful representation of the body of Christ.

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Romans 12: 15 this week.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Jesus, thank you for placing us in community, giving us people to encourage, and for those who help support and guide us.Amen."

Parents: Coming to church on a Sunday morning is a great place to start, but God is calling us to live in real community with each other. That is hard to do with a large group of people you only see once a week. If you would like to be part of a small group that meets weekly, visit the church website to learn more about k groups! They are now forming and we would love to help you get plugged into a group. You can also learn more by calling Pam Hillis at 918.301.1017.