

THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

—STRONGER TOGETHER: FORMING RELATIONSHIPS 1—

Galatians 3:26–29 (NLT)

I. WHEN WE _____ and _____,
WE _____ THE _____.

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.

II. THE _____ OF _____ TO THE _____

Marks of Family in the Ancient World

- _____, Not Competition
- _____
- Harmony: Sharing _____ and _____
- Hiding the _____
- _____, Reconciliation, Patience

A _____ to Replace _____
(e.g., Mark 3:21, 32-35; 10:28-30)

Marks of Family in the New Testament (with examples)

- A Dominant “_____” (1 Pet 2:17)
- Mutual _____ (John 13:34; 1 John 3:10)
- Sharing of _____ (Acts 4:34)
- _____, Harmony, Concord (1 Pet 3:8)
- Cooperation and _____, Not _____ for _____ (Matt 23:8-9; Rom 12:10)
- _____ in the Family (Luke 17:3-4)

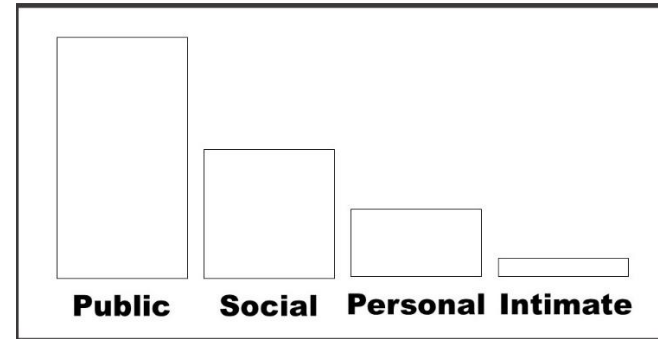
(These lists are adapted from *Honor, Patronage, Kinship & Purity*, by David A. deSilva)

THE BOTTOM LINE

_____ in _____.

THREE MODELS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

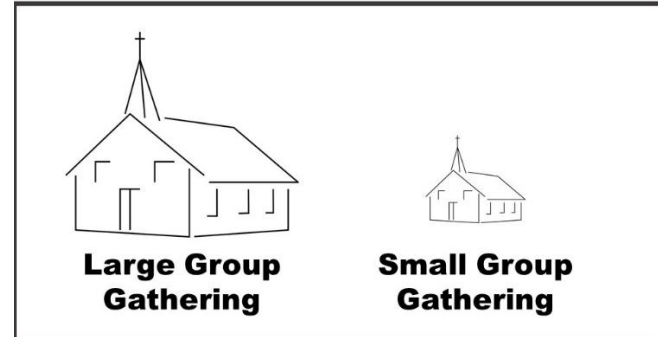
1. “Four Spaces of Belonging”



Challenge: In which space(s) do I need most to cultivate Christian relationships?

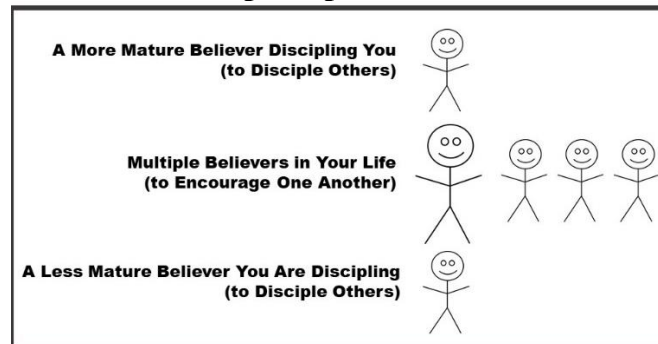
(This concept is from *The Search to Belong*, by Joseph R. Myers)

2. “Big Church Small Church”



Challenge: What changes do I need to make to take advantage of both types of Christian gatherings?

3. “Three Levels of Discipleship”



Challenge: Which missing part of this chain do I need to fill in my own journey of following Jesus?