

# Meet the Fam

Series: "In This Together"

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**Big-Picture Truth:** Since Lighthouse is God's family, we are called together to forge community and accomplish His purposes.

**Truth-Part 1:** Lighthouse is a local gathering of God's family.

*So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy [that's all Christians, everywhere] have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.*  
Hebrews 2:11 (New Living Translation)

*For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup>And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*  
Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT)

**Tip:** Regularly recount what you appreciate about Lighthouse and thank God for these things. Then pray specifically for your church family here at Lighthouse.

**Tip:** Gather together with your church family every weekend in worship.

**Truth-Part 2:** Each member of our church family must do the work of building community at Lighthouse.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (New International Version)*

*Koinonia* = "fellowship, sharing in common, communion."

## The “One Another” Scriptures:

Scripture commands us to be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10), honor one another (Romans 12:10), live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8), accept one another (Romans 15:7), serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13), be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32), **admonish** one another (Colossians 3:16), encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13), spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24), offer hospitality (1 Peter 4:9), and love one another (1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11; 3:23; 4:7; 4:11-12).

### Stages of a Relationship

(From James Emery White's, A Travelers Guide to the Kingdom)

- General Attraction
- Disappointment
- Acceptance
- Appreciation

**Tip:** Decide this year that you will develop community within the family of God.

**Tip:** Write down and review regularly the ways you will do the work of developing community this year.

**Truth – Part 3:** Our church family is healthy when we are partnering together around God's purpose.

*... If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ . . . <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*  
Philippians 2:1-2 (NIV)

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*  
Matthew 28:19-20a (English Standard Version)

**Our Purpose:** Lighthouse is a Christ-centered community reaching out every day to make more and better disciples.

**A Disciple:** someone who is learning to love God and live under His rule, and is empowering others to do the same.

**Tip:** Find a place of service here at Lighthouse.