

***How Shall We Submit to One
Another out of Reverence
for Christ?***

Ephesians 5:15-21

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Three Key Lessons:

1. When a person believed in Jesus, He reconciles them to God and to every other Christian in the world.
2. The church, which is united by faith in Jesus Christ, is in essence a family.
3. As the family of God, our Father commands us to “do life” together.

Hebrews 10:19-25

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

The Question of the Day...

- *How shall we submit to one another out of reverence for Christ?*
- *Or, how shall we strive together to obey the “one another” commandments in the Bible?*
- *Or, how shall we at Glory of Christ live as though we are a family, which we are in Christ?*

As for families...

- *We think that you should think about your family as a small church because, if you're Christians, that's what it is.*

As for “family clusters”...

- *Grassroots Gatherings: instigated, carried out, and overseen by families in the church without the help or official endorsement of the church.*

As for “family clusters”...

- *Jump-Start Gatherings: families ask the church to provide a short term study after which they decide whether or not they want to keep meeting as a group. They may decide...*
 - No, we don't want to keep meeting,
 - Yes, we want to keep meeting without the help or oversight of the church,
 - Yes, we want to keep meeting with the help or oversight of the church.

As for “family clusters”...

- *Traditional Small Group: request the official endorsement of the church and receive (1) equipping, (2) support, and (3) accountability.*
 - An elder or designate would be appointed to oversee each group.
 - These groups would have the official endorsement of the church.

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