SO WHAT?
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WARM-UP

Name something that is unique to your family. Traditions passed down, family traits, habits, etc.

DISCUSS

List some things that are unique to the family of God**.**

Read John 15:9–19

- Share a few examples of how love or (without getting too specific) the lack of love from a Christian community has affected your spiritual growth.
- What does Jesus mean when he says when we are obedient and keep his commandments, we will remain in his love?
    - Why do obedience and love go together?
- How does this cause us to not only have joy, but to have overflowing joy?
    - Describe what it means to have joy. What then is overflowing joy?
- Being in a community is about giving as well as receiving. Discuss how listening, encouraging, giving, or serving can be ways we give and receive.
    - What are other ways we can give as well as receive in our community?
- What is "community" in relation to being in the family of God?
    - How does the idea of being family with other Christians make the connection more meaningful to you than just being acquaintances?
- What often happens to believers who don't stay connected with a community of other believers?

Read Philippians 2:1–11

- Verse 2 talks about being like-minded. Discuss how this kind of unity has to do with having the mindset of Jesus and *not* with all thinking the same way about everything.
    - How can we handle differences or disagreements with the mindset of Jesus?
- List some of the qualities that go along with having the mindset of Jesus.
    - What does he model for us to follow?
- How should the things mentioned in this passage set us apart from what we see in the world today?
    - How can having these attitudes draw others to Christ?

NEXT STEPS

- Where have you struggled to "get on board" with supporting a unified front as a community of believers?
- What step do you commit to that will adjust your mindset to one that supports a loving and flourishing ministry?

PRAYER

In groups of 2–4, share what you identified as your next step. Then pray for one another.