

## “Church is a Family not a Business”

-How we view something or somebody greatly impacts our interactions with that thing or person.

### *Ephesians 4:11-16*

**11** Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. **12** Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. **13** This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

**14** Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. **15** Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. **16** He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

-There are different expectations when you view church as a family.

-Church is something you belong to, not something you go to.

### Why Church is a Family?

1) You cannot reach your full \_\_\_\_\_ without family

-If maturity is not happening in a family it is alarming.

-Growth is expected

2) Spiritually Healthy families make everybody \_\_\_\_\_

-We do our part so everybody wins!

-The health of the body is the goal, not a climbing the corporate ladder

3) A Spiritually Healthy Church Family \_\_\_\_\_ the world!

### *John 13:35*

**35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

-It takes intention to view everyone as family members and interact that way

-If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. (African proverb)

Answers:

Potential, better, changes