**“We Are Family”**

**November 30/December 1, 2024**

**Speaker: Marvin Enriquez**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Icebreaker:** What is one memorable family tradition?

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Read Ephesians 2:17-19.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passages, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Marvin taught us that Family loves each other by being present.
   1. What is one-way families show that they are present with each other?
   2. How does the church family show up for each other?
   3. How can you be more intentional about being present for your church family?
      1. Read Hebrews 10:23-25 – what does this passage say about being present?
2. Secondly, we learned that families love one another by participating.
   1. What are some ways you are currently participating?
   2. Is God prompting you to participate in a deeper way this coming year?
   3. How can you help encourage someone else towards greater participation?
3. Next, we learned that families love one another by being patient.
   1. What does being patient in a family setting look like for you?
      1. Is this hard for you?
   2. How can you grow in the area of patience this year?
   3. Is there a way you can continue to grow in patience in your area of service?
   4. Are there any specific people that God is calling you to extend more grace towards?
4. Family loves one another by sharing a common purpose.
   1. How have you seen this to be true in your life?
   2. Is there anyone that God has put in your heart to connect with in sharing a common purpose?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Will you prayerfully consider being present, participating, being patient, and sharing a common purpose with your church family?
* Receive prayer requests. Pray for group members.