



## Small Group Study Guide

# The People of God as the Family of God

## Philippians 4:14-23

Share of a favorite “family” tradition - and why that particular memory or practice is meaningful to you?

### Study

Read through **Philippians 4:14-23**

What characteristics or aspects of the “family of God” can you find in each of the verses?

- Verse 14 in “sharing”?
- Verse 15 in “giving”?
- Verse 16 in “consistency”?
- Verse 17 in “charity”?
- Verse 18 in “quality”?
- Verse 19 in “dependency”?
- Verse 20 in “credit”?
- Verse 21-23 in “relationship”?

### Discussion

Read **1 Thessalonians 2:6-12**

1. Why do you think viewing the church as a family is so important?
2. How can your church better embrace some practices *found in Philippians* (as identified above) to reveal that “family” commitment?
3. What role do YOU have to play in participating in the family of God?