

## *Children of God*

***“John 1:12 - But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in His name”***

Sure, we are all called to love anyone who we come into contact with – unconditionally. But there is a clear message in scripture that we are to pay special attention to kindling the peace, harmony and caring about our brothers and sisters in Christ. With our human siblings, even if there is physical distance and time between us, we make the effort and value the result of connecting with them, and we invest the time to sustain sincere and meaningful relationships with them. This is the model God calls us to imitate when we are named children of God. When scripture refers to other believers as our brothers and sisters, we are to invest ourselves into knowing, understanding and empathizing with each other.

***Here are some questions to meditate on during the day... and to talk about when we meet on Saturday.***

- We are children of God, and are all family in Christ. What is it about family that brings us together? Is it just habit and familiarity, or is there more?

- How do we relate to our Christian brothers and sisters vs our physical siblings?

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- How easy is it to be devoted to other Christians, as though they were your earthly brothers and sisters?

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- I understand how that might work in my daily life in the place I live, but how can I put that into practice with Christians who live somewhere across the planet, or those who speak another language and have different customs?

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