

The Kind of Church God Builds

A Church That Values Family

- I. Introduction
- II. God's Word reveals the value of family
 - A. Family was God's idea all along
 - B. Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:27-28;
Genesis 1:31
- III. The image of family has changed over time
 - A. Reflection of family as seen on television
 - B. The condition of the American family today
- IV. A church that values family
 - A. Value means to regard or esteem highly – to consider with respect and importance
 - B. We keep safe what we value most
 1. Matthew 7:1-2
 2. 2 Corinthians 10:12
- V. Many different kinds of family
 - A. God loves all kinds of families
 - B. God uses all kinds of families
- VI. Why family is so important to God
 - A. Because God uses the family to tell His story
 1. Genesis 18:19
 2. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- VIII. Conclusion
- VII. How does the church value family?
- A. By strengthening marriages
 - B. By ministering to children
 - C. By equipping parents
 - D. By healing individuals
 - E. By valuing families
- B. Because Jesus uses the family to demonstrate His power
- 1. He raised the 12 year old daughter of jairus from the dead (Mark 5:22-43)
 - 2. Jesus raised a widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:11-17)
 - 3. Lazarus (John 11:1-45)
- C. Because God uses the family to heal and restore
- 1. Joseph (Genesis 37-50)
 - 2. Personal example