



# Church is M O R E T H A N

SEPT 12 **FROM TRIBE TO FAMILY**  
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## INTRODUCTION

We can become so familiar with the phrase “We’re a No Matter church” we forget what that should look like. This week, Pastor John challenges us to think of church not as a tribe of people who are just like us but as a family who places Jesus at the center and loves each other despite our God-designed differences.

## DISCUSSION

1. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-9** and discuss how these verses relate to Pastor John’s statement “In the church, everything should be blurry except Jesus.”
2. **Read Luke 9:23-26.** What does it mean to “Take up your cross and follow me”? How might this principle look in your daily life? In our church?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 and Matthew 10:2-4** and discuss how we are diverse yet still make up the Body of Christ.
4. What does Romans 12:5 mean when it says, “...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others”? How can we practically accept the diversity of others and still be unified in Christ? How can we accept and practically love those who haven’t stepped over the Faith Line?

## TAKE ACTION

1. Reach out to a neighbor, relative or fellow church attendee whom you aren’t well acquainted with and get to know them better.
2. Pray for unity and wisdom for your church body and leaders this week, preferably with a group of PLCers. Consider sending an encouraging text, email or card to your campus pastor or another church leader.
3. Ask God to reveal how you can become more of a bridge builder than a wall builder in your relationships. Focus on where you agree with someone, not merely on issues where you disagree with them.

## RESOURCES

1. Watch this [powerful video on fellowship](#) by Francis Chan from *BASIC Series: We are Church*, available on [RightNow Media](#).
2. [Until Unity](#), a book by Francis Chan
3. [The Beautiful Community: Unity, Diversity, and the Church at Its Best](#) by Irwin L. Ince