

how the church isn't like a

FAMILY

What Unites Us

- **Jesus' family is united by spiritual DNA – 1 Peter 1:23**
 - *Jerusalem – Acts 6:1*
 - *Philippi – Acts 16*
 - *Colossae – Colossians 3:22, 4:1*
 - *Almost all NT churches were a mix of Jew and Gentile*

What Unites Us

- **This can make unity a challenge – Ephesians 4:1-3**
- **How to fight for unity despite superficial differences**
 - *Acknowledge their reality – Galatians 3:28, Romans 14:16-19*
 - *Don't make them the main thing – Galatians 3:26-29*
- **Family unity is wonderful, but must not lead to a “closed group”**

What Divides Us

- **Greed and money**

- *Luke 12:13-15*

- *2 Corinthians 9:5*

- **Resentment and bitterness**

- *Genesis 27:41*

- *Colossians 3:12-13*

What Divides Us

- **Jealousy and ambition**

- *1 Samuel 20*
- *1 Corinthians 3:3-9*

- **Prejudice and partiality**

- *James 2:1-4*