

Welcome to the Family

Because we have been welcomed into God's family,
we can approach our families with _____

1. We _____ hope _____ our families

2. We _____ hope _____ our families

For Further Reflection and Discussion

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

As you think about Christmas this year, what are some things you are looking forward to?

What are some things about this Christmas season that you anticipate are going to be difficult for you?

What's your starting point for thinking about family and Christmas? Mostly good? Mostly bad? Even split? Why?

- How does your answer change (if at all) depending on whether you're thinking of the family you grew up in versus your current family situation?

Read John 1:11-13. What from these verses is good news to someone with your family background and current situation?

How could this reality of a new family affect someone who is or feels alone?

How could this reality of a new family affect someone who has experienced the loss of a loved one?

Think about who you will be with over this Christmas season. What would it look like to bring hope to them?

- Would it look like healing, forgiveness and reconciliation? How would you like God to use you in this way?
- Would it look like salvation? Who can we join you in praying for in this way?
- Would it look like celebration? What already-planned activities could be infused with hopeful worship?

How can we pray for one another?