Family Meeting

Shepherds

INTRODUCTION

- When you take the whole year into consideration, we think it's been a good year.
- I want us to start just reflecting on what has been our theme that's been up there. We are family.

1 We Are Family

1 Peter 1:22

- I hope we see ourselves truly as the family of God, and that each day we strive to live in that way.
- Our physical families is like a training ground for the spiritual.
- Whenever there are clashes, I hope that we will practice the things that we have covered, putting God first, seeking to praise him and please him as we live our lives.
- We were converted to love one another, and we will restore one another.

2 Growth Beyond Our Assembly to Worship God

- That's why it's so important that we as a family gather here to worship God in truth and in spirit as we've been commanded to.
- Talk to him every day. Don't let a day go by without you thinking about God and talking to him.
- All of these things that are being done are there for all of us to help us to be stronger in the faith.
- It is our responsibility to be teaching our children about God.

3 Am I Stronger Spiritually Speaking Today?

Romans 12:10

- When we talk about growth, I want us to be thinking in terms of spiritual growth.
- Am I stronger spiritually speaking today than I was in the beginning of the year?
- Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That has nothing to do with numbers. It's talking to individuals.
- Honesty to yourself is paramount.
- We are family because we're going to help each other be children of God and wear the name of Christ rightly.

4 Our Evangelism Outreach Through the Preachers We Support

- Beginning of 2023, we were supporting seven men on an ongoing monthly basis. As we close out the year we are now supporting 21 men.
- We are looking for and trying to put in place some ways that we can all grow closer to these men that we are supporting.
- Pray for these men on a continuing basis. Keep them in your hearts keep them in your minds.

5 Self-Examine Your Spiritual Journey This Year

Galatians 6:4–5; Lamentations 3:40; Psalm 139

- When there's an opportunity to study God's Word, and you've made a decision not to be there, what does that say about you and your desire to know more about God.
- Let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another, for each one shall bear his own load.
- Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my anxieties, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

6 How We Interact With One Another

1 Peter 3:8–12; Matthew 7:5; Ephesians 4:21–24

- How we interact with one another is another reflection of our spiritual growth and our love for God.
- Be of one mind, having compassion for one another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.
- Clean up your own life first, fix your own sin, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. We need to help one another in this journey.
- Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. It's a battle of the mind.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Ask yourselves that question how have I grown spiritually this year? How am I closer to God? How am I closer to my spiritual family here at South Bumby?**

MY NOTES