

We are a  
Community







A  
Community  
that  
Worships





A  
Community  
that  
Loves





A Community that  
Grows Together









## **Ephesians 2:19-22**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and  
+ members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Kum Yan is a Family!

It is made up of all kinds of people.

- + People from different eras
- People who speak different languages
- People who have different culture
- People who belong to different friend groups
- People who come from different biological families
- People who have been here a short or long time



So what do we mean when we say “Kum Yan is a Family”?



# What has happened?

## 1. You were made alive in Christ!

- + “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world... But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is **by grace you have been saved.**”

EPH 2:1-2A,4



## What has happened?

1. You were made alive in Christ!
2. We are part of His covenant with us!

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth... were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

EPH 2:11-13



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For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

EPH 2:14-16



# What has happened?

1. You were made alive in Christ!

2. We are part of His covenant with us!

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have **access to the Father** by one Spirit.

EPH 2:17-18



## Who we are now

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household

EPH 2:19

foreigners - ξένος *xenoi* - short-term visitor

strangers - πάροικος *paroikoi* - longer-term visitor

fellow citizens - συμπολίτης - citizens with rights and protection

household - οἰκεῖος *oikeios* - immediate family



## **Who we are now**

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

EPH 2:20

This Household of God is established through God's actions in the midst of His people He chooses throughout human history, and ultimately on what Jesus has done.



## **Who we are now**

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in + him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**EPH 2:21-22**

Each of us become parts of this household of God that Jesus is building. He joins us to Himself, and to one another. In so doing, we become a holy temple, a dwelling place where God lives



## **Who we are now (according to Eph 2)**

Kum Yan is a community of people who were once enemies of God, but have now been saved by God's grace. Though we were once far away from God, He has brought us near to Him by the power demonstrated through Jesus on the cross.

We are now a people joined to one another by Jesus, and a family of God in God's house, that He may dwell with us by His Spirit.



# Church as a family

1 Tim 3:14-15

Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the **church of the living God**, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Gal 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



# A Community that is a Family





# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone

+ Jesus has made us a new family in Him, showing us and bringing us back to the Father

Matt 12:49-50

He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."



# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone
2. It is not just spiritual! It is practical

Titus 2:2-3

Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.



# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone
2. It is not just spiritual! It is practical

Titus 2:2-3

Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good.



# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone
2. It is not just spiritual! It is practical
3. It is not just about us! It is generational

Ps 78:2-4

I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.



# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone
2. It is not just spiritual! It is practical
- + 3. It is not just about us! It is generational
4. It is not just about generations! It is about God's dwelling place

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" – Rev 21:3-4



# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone - Friendship & Fellowship
  2. It is not just spiritual! It is practical -
  3. It is not just about us! It is generational -
  4. It is not just about generations! God's dwelling place
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Are you know the members of your Family?

Over the years, are there still people you don't know?

Do we love one another beyond the differences with God's love?

Are we committed to meeting a group of family members regularly?

Are we able to know each deeply beyond the surface things?



# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone – Friendship & Fellowship
- + 2. It is not just spiritual! It is practical – Discipleship & Member Care
3. It is not just about us! It is generational –
4. It is not just about generations! God's dwelling place

Are we in committed relationships that bring mutual growth?  
Are we able and willing to help those newer in the faith to grow?  
Are we in accountability to others and surrender to the Lord?

Are we caring for those who are sick, lonely and down?  
Are we providing for those in need?



# Church as a family

1. It is not just biological! It is for everyone – Friendship & Fellowship
  2. It is not just spiritual! It is practical – Discipleship & Member + Care
  3. It is not just about us! It is generational – Serving and Missions
  4. It is not just about generations! God's dwelling place
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Are we a safe place for the next generation to share?

Are we investing in the children of others, as families and singles?

Who is teaching our children about God and His word?

Have we preached the gospel to those who have not heard?

Have we supported those who have gone and are going?

Are we ready when the Lord sends us?



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3. It is not just about us! It is generational – Serving and Missions
4. It is not just generations! God's dwelling place – Worship/Prayer

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Are our homes a dwelling place for God?

Are our small groups a place God loves to dwell?

Have we learnt the joy of our secret place with the Lord?

Do we have the weapons of warfare needed for us and our family?

Does what God is doing in the nations concern us?



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1. If this is what being a Church Family is about, how am I connected and growing in these areas?
  2. Is there any area that the Lord is wanting to heal me?
  3. Is the Lord asking me to serve my family in any way?
  4. Is there anyone the Lord wants me to reach out to ?