

We are Family! October 26-28, 2019

(Hebrews 2:9-18) But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- 1. Did/do you know the name of the musical group that recorded the song, *We Are Family?* (Bonus: What baseball team used this as their theme song on the way to winning the World Series in 1979.)
- 2. Agree/disagree: Everyone belongs to the Family of God. (cf. Gal. 3:26; John 1:10-13; Romans 8:12-16)

- 3. When (date?) did God make you his child? Why is that meaningful to you?
- 4. What comfort do you find in the fact that Jesus is your <u>brother</u>? (cf. Heb. 2:14-18)
- 5. Agree/disagree: "A person doesn't have to go to church to be a Christian."
- 6. Why will members of God's family want to gather together? (cf. Heb. 10:22-27)
- 7. What brought you into the Mount Olive family? (Share your story.)
- 8. Sometimes people become disconnected from their church family. What, if anything, can be done to prevent this from happening?
- 9. Who did you "connect" with at the Mount Olive Family Reunion?
- 10. Do you think Mount Olive should have Family Reunion again? (Please share your thoughts with a pastor.)