

FWG - Philippians 1:7-8

Song: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

<https://youtu.be/MUZD0hgtSgE>

Prayer: *God, teach us. Open your word to our hearts. Show us your glory.*

Text: Philippians 1:7-8

Explanation: Paul is writing from prison. He has not been able to gather with the body of Christ corporately, and he finds himself *yearning* for fellow believers. Their connection to one another is their relationships to Jesus. Because Jesus has redeemed each believer, there is a longing to be with each other. He saves us, and brings us into his body, together. It's a right longing.

The Point: *Believers should desire to be together as the church of Jesus.*

Application: *Do you yearn to gather with your church family?*

Pre-K & Elementary Age: *Who do you miss at church? Have your children think about and pray for different people at church. Maybe send them pictures, crafts, or cards they made.*

Middle & High School Students: *Teach the importance of the teenagers in the body of Christ. They are not just the "youth group" that's been pushed to the side, but they are actually a part of the church. Ask them who they miss? People from other generations. Explain why those relationships are so important.*

Young Adult: *How many close relationships, in the church, do you have with folks of other generations? IF you don't have many, you need to consciously work to develop some relationships. Consider who you might reach out to and encourage. Could you send flowers to a senior widow lady? Could you send lunch to them?*

Adult: *Do you have any relationships with the next generation in our church? You should. Pray about who God might knit your heart closer to. Consider reaching out to some younger adults, of the same gender, and encouraging them. It might be the beginning of a beautifully, biblical, relationship.*

Empty Nesters: *Sometimes your generation feels like it has nothing to contribute to a younger generation. They seem to have advanced so much that you feel inadequate. Believer, nothing could be further from the truth. You have so much biblical wisdom and experience to offer. Build a relationship with someone in the church that you invest godly*

*wisdom into. Reach out and encourage someone in the church. Call them. Text them.
Send dinner (pizza maybe) to a younger family that is struggling to be at home so much.*

Song: The Doxology

Prayer: God, you have given us such a wonderful church family! Thank you! Thank you for
_____. Lord, strengthen our relationships with one another. Bring us back together
again soon, and may be ever so sweeter when we do get together.