

Biblical metaphors of the church:

The Family of God

1 Timothy 3:15

if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household [*oikos*], which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Pet 4:17 *oikos* of God

Gal 6:10 *oikeios* of faith

Eph 2:19 *oikeios* of God

Familial language:

1. Grounded in adoption
2. Seen in the mission
3. Structuring the church (but not always in an obvious way)

Matthew 5-7; 18:15-21; 23:8-9; 25:40; 28:10

Mark 3:20, 31-35; 10:30

Luke 15:1-2, 25-32

John 1:12-13; John 11:52; John 20:17; 21:23

Rom 8:14-17; Rom 9:26

Gal 4:1-7; 6:10

Eph 1:3-14; 2:19

1 Tim 3:4-5, 15; 4:6; 5:1, 3; 6:2

Philemon

Hebrews 2:10-13

1 Pet 4:17

The pastor as a father??

1 Thess 2:7-12; 1 Cor 4:14-17; 3 John 4

House steward/slave – Matt 24:45-51

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