

Family Matters

Mercy Road Church - Pastor Mike Lotzer

Series: 1 John; Text: 1 John 2:12-14

Sunday August 8, 2021

Today we examine three metaphorical family categories that John uses to explain the roles and identities we serve in our spiritual family. Question: "Am I a part of this family? What's my role?"

Message Notes:

1. Children: Believers who have simple faith in God through Christ. - 1 John 1:12

- *"I trust God, even when I don't understand."*

2. Parents: Believers who've learned the profound truths about the nature of God and guard the church from lies. - 1 John 1:13

- *"I study God's truth and protect others from lies."*

3. Young Adults: Believers who abide in Christ's power and defeat the enemy by spiritual means. - 1 John 1:14b

- *"I fight evil with bold prayers, love, and unity."*

Application: Trust like a child, Study like an adult, Fight like a soldier.