



Week 1: Why Family Still Matters

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- Introduce the theme: God designed family to be a place of belonging, formation, and blessing—and, in Jesus, the church becomes a **family of families** where anyone can be adopted into God's household and learn to live His way together.
- What is one thing you love about your family?

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- When you hear the word *family*, what's the first image, memory, or feeling that pops into your mind—and why?
- What is one way you've felt especially included or valued in community?

DISCOVER

Read Genesis 1:26-28; 2:19-22 together as a group

- In Genesis 1–2, what do you observe about **who** makes family, **how** it's formed, and **why** it exists?
- Where do you see *blessing*, *purpose*, and *responsibility* in Genesis 1:28?

Read Ephesians 2:19-22 together as a group

- In Ephesians 2:19–22, list the identity words and images (e.g., **fellow citizens**, **household**, **temple**, **cornerstone**). What do these say about God's intention for His people.
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APPLY

- In what ways does our culture **confuse or redefine** family today? Where do you personally feel that tension?
 - Think about your own household (married, single, roommates, widowed, divorced, etc.). What practices there are shaping you and others—for better or worse?
 - How could your family, or this church family, reflect God's presence and glory more clearly?
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RESPOND

- As a group, would you say this feels like a family?
 - After learning a little bit about one another's family experiences, how can we be an image of the family of God with one another?
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GROUP PRAYER

Take time for prayer requests and celebrations and then spend time praying for these things specifically:

- **The Family of God:** Thank God that He has adopted us into His family through Jesus.
 - **Family Unity:** Pray for strong families in every form—marriages, parents, singles, widows, blended households, and the church family.
 - **Our Church Family:** Ask the Spirit to unite your group as a dwelling place for God's presence and glory.
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CLOSING

- Reaffirm the week's big idea:
Family is God's design, created to be a place of belonging, formation, and blessing. In Jesus, we become part of God's household—the family of families.
- Encourage everyone to read **Ephesians 2** at least once this week, reflecting on what it means to live as members of God's household.