



GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

Week of September 24, 2017

Hope for the Home (Week 1): *Grounded in the Gospel*

Teaching Pastor: Matt Jeffreys

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Where did you grow up? What did you enjoy most about it?
2. What's one quirky or weird tradition your family had/has?
3. Describe one stupid thing you did growing up?

SUNDAY RECAP

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention or impacted you?

Anything you found challenging or confusing?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Genesis is a book that can challenge our current cultural trends in family understanding. It, along with the whole of the Bible, teaches us that we can't simply define family any way we want to or pretend it exists primarily for our own purposes. Read Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:19-25.

- What are a few things that jump out at you in these verses?
- What do you find challenging, difficult to accept/understand?
- What is the significance of 1:31 (*it was very good*)

2. Pastor Matt said that God has designed the family to be part of the redemptive process—i.e. *God's design for the family is grounded in the gospel.*

- How has your family (either your family of origin or current family if you're in that season of life) contributed positively or negatively to your redemptive process—your acceptance of and growth in Jesus?
- In what ways *can* the family reflect the character of God to the world?
- Read Genesis 3:9-11, 21; 4:1-2
 - Where do you see the grace and goodness of God here, after man had sinned against Him?
 - How have you seen this same grace and goodness in your own life?
 - In what ways do you struggle to *give* this same grace to others, and particularly to those in your own family?

TAKING ACTION

"Do not merely listen to God's Word, but do what it says. Otherwise you are only fooling yourselves." James 1:22

1. Are you willing to trust God's design for the family as truth, unaffected by the winds of cultural trends?
 2. Who do you need to ask forgiveness from in your family? Who do you need to grant forgiveness?
 3. What can you do *this week* to strengthen your family or strengthen your relationship with God in preparation for marriage, kids, etc.
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DON'T MISS IT

Baptism Celebration—NEXT Sunday, October 1 (4-5 p.m.)

Newcomer's Reception—Sunday, October 8 (12:15-12:45)

Membership Class—Sunday, October 15 (4:30-6:30)