

FAMILY MONTH week 2

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV and The Message.

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Series Overview: We all want to have happy, healthy, life-giving families. But how do we get there? How can we stop comparing ourselves to the lives we imagine everyone else is living, and instead focus on becoming the best family we can be? What would that look like? How would you even start that conversation? We're going to tell you. And we believe what you'll learn in these 4 short weeks just might change the course of your family forever (no matter what your "family" looks like).

//TALK

Ice Breaker - What's your favorite sandwich and why?

Q1 - Can you remember a time there was a rift in your relationship with someone and things seemed to be stuck where they are because everyone is waiting for an apology, but no one wants to apologize? Did anyone finally apologize? How could that entire encounter have been avoided?

Q2 - Why is it so easy to see 2 sides to a story when the argument is between other people? What is it in us that causes us not to see our part in the problem when we are involved in the argument?

Q3 - Read **Matthew 7:1-5 & Luke 6:37-45**. [read in a couple different versions] What stands out to you in these verses? What do you take away as the primary message from Matthew and Luke's accounts? What could the significance be as these are both accounts given at the tail end of the Sermon on the Mount?

Q4 - The statement was made, "**As long as you blame others for your unhappiness, you will remain unhappy.**" Do you agree or disagree? How can Romans 12:3 help us have an accurate evaluation of ourselves?

Q5 - Read **Matthew 7:12**. [read in a couple different versions] How would the application of this verse change people and the way we interact with others? Why is it so difficult to put this into practice and application?

Q6 - What if you began to use the phrase, "When you do _____, I feel _____", not "You made me _____"? Could it help if you started to "Focus on your feelings not your version of the facts because feelings form filters that skew facts"?

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Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: **Read Matthew 6 and Luke 7**. These chapters are the tail end of one of Jesus' most popular sermons recorded in the NT Gospels. If you can, take time to read the full Sermon On The Mount. [Take time this week to go over your family devotional. If you didn't get one on the weekend, go to www.SHFamilyMonth.com]

//THE POINT

Don't just admit you're wrong, seek to make it right.

//MEMORIZE

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you

//PRAY

As you share prayer requests, take time to personally make requests known in an honest and safe environment. Encourage everyone to write down requests and to pray during the week. Please pray for the continued connection of South Hills Church to our community and especially to first-time guests during this Family Month series.