

# FAMILY MONTH week 3

\*\*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** - If you had to delete all but 3 apps from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

**Q1** - Can you remember a time when you felt like you were doing all the work and no one else was helping? What did that moment feel like? What assumptions do you think you made? What would have made it better?

**Q2** - The statement was made, "**Doing all the work or depending on someone else to do all the work doesn't work.**" Would you agree or disagree and why? Have you even found yourself thinking, "If I want it done right, I better do it myself." Why did you think that, really?

**Q3** - Read **Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-25; 6:1, 4.** [read in a couple different versions] What stands out to you in these verses? What do you see as Paul's primary purpose in this letter to the church in Ephesus? Why do you think some of these verses are often misused or abused?

**Q4** - Read **1 Corinthians 11:11-12 & Colossians 3:18-21.** [read in a couple different versions] What stands out to you in these verses? What do you believe are the values within these verses?

**Q5** - The statement was made, "**Deep connection is dependent upon collaboration.**" Would you agree or disagree? How have you seen this play out in the relationships around you?

**Q6** - What would change if you began asking "How can I help" more often? How could it change your friendships, relationships with parents, children, spouse, co-workers or neighbors?

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## //GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: **Read Ephesians 5 and 1 Corinthians 11.** Take some time to research the author of these letters, what audience he is writing to and why he may be saying these "edgy" things. Try to not view it through our cultural or political lens but through the eyes of the original audience first.

## //THE POINT

Serving isn't giving up your authority, it's choosing to leverage it on behalf of others.

## //MEMORIZE

**Ephesians 5:1-2 - 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

## //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 for those who are still finding that connection at this church.