

THIS IS US week two

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, NASB and The Message.

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Series Overview: Every family has a way of thinking, talking, and handling things. The same is true of every church. So, who are we, what are our priorities, and where did we get these ideas? There are a handful of stories and sayings from the first generation of Christians that summarize the sort of church we set out to be. South Hills isn't a bunch of buildings, it's a diverse family of followers who share certain values. This is us.

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//TALK

Ice Breaker - Would you rather have all your shirts be 2 sizes too big or have all of them be 1 size too small?

Q1 – Tell about a time where you disliked someone only to eventually have a good relationship with that same person? What caused the change for you?

Q2 – In the message, the statement was made, **“We treat people differently when they’re family. Even if we don’t like them or they annoy us.”** Would you agree? How has that played out in your life?

Q3 – Read **Ephesians 2:19-21** — [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? What do you believe is the “main thing” Paul is trying to convey here?

Q4 – During the message you heard the statement, **“Stop treating people like they don’t belong. God doesn’t sort and separate people the way you do. He doesn’t see your divisive categories. He just sees family.”** How does this statement challenge you?

Q5 – What are your thoughts regarding this statement: **“God’s focus is inviting people into his family, not onboarding them to ideas. His pursuit of family is about unity, not uniformity.”**

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Check out some more: Read Exodus 20-23. Galatians 3:26-29. John 1:12. 1 John 3:1-2.

//THE POINT

We want our church family to reflect the diversity of humanity.

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John 1:12 - 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

//PRAY

Take time to pray for the needs in your group. Pray for our church and our church leaders. Pray for the health of our church and our community. Pray that we will respond as a church to the needs around us. Pray that as a church we strive to create a place for unity...speaking truth with love and grace.