



A Family for Revival

May 12 | Group Guide

Begin by praying, catching up on your week, and reflecting together (10 minutes).

First, like each week, begin your time together by having someone pray.

Then, spend a few moments sharing how you've allowed your life (or your prayer life) to intersect with the needy and marginalized in our world this past week. If you can't think of anything, what kept you from engaging? Explain.

Read Acts 16:16-34 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9, discuss the sermon, and talk about how revival can impact our very own families (30 minutes).

Begin by having several people split up and read **Acts 16:16-34** and **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** out loud for your group with everyone else following along in their Bibles. After you've finished reading, spend a moment of two in silence. Instruct people to sit with the impact that the gospel had on the jailer and his family. Ask them to think about how this corresponds to their family of origin and to their family now.

Note: Whether you have kids or are married, we all have family – moms, dads, relations of some sort. Be sure to broaden this question and the questions below to include those who are either single or unmarried as needed!

After a few moments of reflection, discuss some of the questions below.

Another note: You may not get through all the questions, that's okay. Feel free to read these ahead of time and pick a couple that fit your group best!

- Share a bit about how “God-centered” or “gospel-centered” your family was growing up. Was God a priority in your home? What did that look like? And how did that shape or impact your perception of God, church, religion, etc.?
- As you thought about the **Acts 16:16-34** and **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** verses, what resonated with you? What challenged you? How did your family of origin align or not align with those passages? How does your family now align or not align with those passages? Explain.
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned that Deuteronomy 6 basically calls us to two things: (1) Passionate love for God personally; and (2) To incorporate God into the normal routines of life for our family. In what ways have you seen your level of #1 impact the vitality of #2?
- How are you currently incorporating God into the normal, everyday aspects of your life for both your own personal benefit and the benefit of your family? In what ways could you grow in that area?
- What are your personal hopes for your current or future family?
- One important truth that Dan mentioned was this: Because God works so powerfully through the family, the family is where the enemy most frequently attacks. Where is your family facing spiritual warfare from the enemy right now?

Break into smaller groups and pray for each other's families (20 minutes).

Take a few moments to allow people in your smaller groups to answer for the first time or expand upon their answer to that last question asked above, “Where is your family facing spiritual warfare from the enemy right now?”

Then ask, “Is there anything specific you'd like prayer for for your family?”

Finally, using the call of **Joshua 24:15**, go around in a circle and have each person in your smaller group pray for one person at a time. The goal is to have each person and their family prayed over by several people.

Come back together as a large group to close with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).

1. **Inform your group** about our 24/7 prayer initiative! There's still time to be a part of this movement! You can find out more information at thecreek.org/revival.
2. **Sponsor a child with MOHI!** This month we are highlighting Missions of Hope International (MOHI), a non-profit organization in Kenya that "exists to bring life transformation to every man, woman, and child." They do this through providing holistic, sustainable care for people in poor communities all across Kenya. You can find out more information about MOHI here: missionofhope.com/about.

With that being said, one way you can support the work of MOHI is by sponsoring a child. If you're interested in sponsoring a child, scan the QR code below and start the process!



3. **Finish your group** session by sharing prayer requests and closing in prayer for the things shared.