



## **Group Discussion Guide: Family | November 7, 2021**

### **Begin with prayer for your families (15 minutes).**

As you begin, start by spending a few moments listing out the members of your family, either on a piece of paper or in your phone. Have folks list out mom and dad, sons and daughters, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

Once each person has done this, give them space to pray for their individual families.

Once the allotted private prayer time is finished, have someone pray over all the families and for your time together as a group.

### **Read Scripture + debrief the sermon as a group (45 minutes).**

- How did this sermon about being All In on your family challenge you? How did it encourage you?
- Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about families that honor the Lord: **Luke 15:11-32; Deuteronomy 6:1-25; Ephesians 6:1-4; Malachi 4:6.**
- On a sheet of paper or in your phone, list out ways you can be All In on your family. Share those with one another in your group. What does being All In on family look like to you?
- What barriers (cultural, emotional, relational, geographical, etc.) do you think people face that prevent them from being All In on their families? What barriers prevent you from being All In on your family?
- Are you committed to your family? Are there any family members you're not committed to? Why or why not?
- Does your family spend time together? What does that look like?
- In what ways does your family honor one another intentionally and purposefully? How might a culture of honor impact your family dynamic?
- Is the focus of your family "Jesus first?" What other competing priorities exist within your family? Do you want your family's top priority to be "Jesus first?" What would that look like?
- What is one specific practice you can do this week to honor and love your family more?



**Split into gendered accountability groups (25 minutes).**

Throughout this series, we'll create space each week to have accountability with one another. This will provide each person a more intimate, and hopefully, safer space to share where they might struggle with being All In on their family, marriage, God, or the Kingdom. Here are a few questions to guide this time after you separate into gendered groups:

- Have you loved your family well lately? How so?
- How is it with your family... *really*?
- Are there any wounds or struggles in your family that prevent you from loving them fully?
- In what ways have you mistreated, dishonored, or not been All In on your family?
- Is there anything else you'd like to share about your family dynamic that you haven't already?

**Finish with intercessory prayer (5 minutes).**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.