



## BREAKING THE ICE

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What is your favorite family memory of growing up? If you don't have a good family memory from growing up what kind of family memory would you like to create?

Who was the most influential person in your family? What made them so influential?

Last weeks action step was to repent of legalism and sin and to confess where you need freedom in your life. How did you see God work through these things last week?

## MAIN CONTENT

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This week Pastor Kevin finished up the book of Galatians in our Movement series.

We all long for home and for family. When we put our faith in Jesus and follow Him, we are adopted into His family. We become sons and daughters of the king.

1. How do you experience God as a son or daughter?

Once we choose to follow Jesus and repent of our sins, God no longer sees our sin. He sees the righteousness of Christ in us. When we choose to follow Him we have privately accepted Him. When we choose to be baptized we are making a public declaration of following Jesus in our lives.

2. What is your baptism story?

There are no perfect people when it comes to following Christ. We are all part of the kingdom of God and working to be more like Jesus but none of us are perfect. We are all a part of God's family looking to be more like Him. Jesus served each one of us and set us free. Once we have been set free we are welcome to serve others as Christ served us.

3. Describe some characteristics of Jesus as He was a servant to others.

Do you know anyone who has those same characteristics? How have you seen them exemplify serving others?

Our natural tendency is to turn inwards and to serve ourselves. This can become dangerous because we will care more about ourselves than anyone else. When we turn inward we become selfish. This selfishness

can break down families and relationships.

But God calls us to serve others and be led by the spirit. When we are led by the spirit we treat others with the highest respect and care. When we are led by the spirit we will have healthy relationships and sacrificial love.

4. Who is the most sacrificial person you know? How do they show sacrificial love? What have you learned from their sacrificial love?

As followers of Jesus, the world watches how we love others. We can choose to treat others how God would have us love and care for them. The way God wants us to care for and love others are the family values we should have within His family.

### **Read Galatians 6:1-10**

The first family value we can incorporate into our lives is to bring restoration gently. We are all going to sin. We can't help it. But when we see someone we love stuck in sin and bondage we can bring restoration to them gently. We pray and ask God to lead and guide us in the conversation with those who need restoration. We also keep in mind, we aren't saving them, Jesus is.

5. Describe a time you walked out gently bringing restoration with someone. What was the most helpful part of that conversation? What did you take away from those moments?

The second family value we can incorporate into our lives is to bear one another's burdens. A burden is something too heavy to carry on our own. When we are going through hard life issues; deaths in the family, divorce, addiction, mental illness etc., we should help carry one another's burdens. We should be there to pray for one another, check on one another and support one another.

6. Who is one person in your life who has helped you carry your burdens? How can you walk out carrying someone's burdens with them?

The last family value we can incorporate into our lives is to keep going and keep doing good. We can either choose to sew into the spirit of God or sew into our flesh. When we choose to sew into the spirit of God, we are serving and loving others well. We are living a life of family values and for others for the Glory of God.

7. How can you do good in your life right now? How can you serve others well?

## CLOSING PRAYER

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God, thank you for the public declaration of faith through baptisms we saw this weekend. Thank you for the new brothers and sister in Christ we have gained when we choose to follow you. Thank you for the family values you have given us through your Son. Even though our earthly families may fail, our heavenly family will NEVER fail us. You give us the best example of how to love and serve others well through your Son Jesus. Help us walk out gentle restoration, bearing one another's burdens and to keep doing good in our lives. Open our eyes and hearts to ways we can look beyond ourselves and serve others. In Jesus name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

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- + Serve someone else this week without telling them what and why you are serving them. Come back next week and tell everyone where you see God move through serving someone else.
- + Check on a friend, family or coworker who has some heavy burdens they are carrying. Ask how you can pray for them and help them. Walk out carrying their burdens with them.