

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Scott Hahn - *First Comes Love: Finding Your Family in the Church and the Trinity*
- Mike Breen - *Family on Mission*
- Rex Burgher - *Our Father's Heartbeat*
- Jack Frost - *Spiritual Slavery to Spiritual Sonship*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

- Quest Study Bible
- NIV First-Century Study Bible
- NIV Study Bible
- Teen Life Application Study Bible
- Kids Quest Study Bible

Digging Even Deeper

Here are some additional questions for personal reflection:

1. Who are some “new faces” you have recently seen at the church that you haven’t met yet? Make it your mission to meet ONE of them next Sunday! (And then aim to meet ONE the Sunday after that...)
2. Read Galatians 5:14. Mother Teresa said, “I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor... Do you know your next door neighbor?” If Mother Teresa asked you that question and expanded it to the dozen households closest to where you live, how would you be able to answer it?
3. What are some honest, valid, and good reasons (and maybe some bad reasons!) you haven’t been in better community with those in your neighborhood?
4. Read 2 Cor. 5:7. Last Sunday you were given a magnet for the Family on Mission Giving Campaign to remind you to say a quick prayer every time you see it. Have you been praying about your “Sight” goal and “Faith” goal? How do you sense God is leading you to fill in those blanks on the magnet?
5. Read 2 Cor. 8:1-7. How is calling you to lean into being more radically generous with how you use your money?

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For we walk by faith, not by sight.

The FRamily of God

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Week 4 of series: Family on Mission

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just “go to church.” That is why today’s 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

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Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: Think back to when you were growing up. What were some of your favorite TV shows? How did the main characters function as a family even if they weren't related biologically? Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Our current series is called "Family on Mission." Prior to Sunday's sermon, what did you think the word family meant in that phrase? How has your answer changed after hearing the sermon?
4. Read Matthew 28:19. In *First Comes Love*, Scott Hahn writes, "When God revealed His name, He revealed Himself fully — and He revealed Himself as family: as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is not saying that God is like a family. This is not presenting the family as a cozy, homey metaphor for the Trinity. God is not like a family. God is a family." What are your thoughts on this perspective? How does it impact your view of God (as Trinity)?
5. God doesn't just call individuals to do His work. From the very beginning, His plan focused on family. First, God called Adam & Eve to be fruitful and multiply and rule the earth (see Genesis 1:26-28). Then God called Abraham and made a nation (which is a tribe of families) through him (see Genesis 12:1-5). What are your thoughts on the importance God places on community to accomplish His purposes on earth?
6. When Jesus came to earth, He continued the "Family Business" of redeeming the world. But He didn't do it alone. He did it with a family, but He reimagined what family is in the process. Read Mark 3:32-35. In one sentence, Jesus completely redefines what family is, how it works, and what it's for. For Jesus, making disciples is all about building a family — family that goes beyond what parents and grandparents a person has. A family that doesn't just look out for its own interests, but sees its very existence as a way to bless others. What are your thoughts on this perspective?
7. Family includes every human being, not just married people with kids! (After all, Jesus was a single man who formed a family with a bunch of people he wasn't related to!) A church family is for single people, married people, kids, adults, empty-nesters, everyone! How does this impact your thinking about the role our church (and those who attend it) have on your spiritual journey?

Key Passage:

A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." - Mark 3:32-35 (NIV)

Reminder... There are Digging *Even* Deeper Questions on the back of this program. Those questions are for personal reflection.