



Life Group Discussion Guide
Heart Matters: Family
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (CSB)

March 15, 2020

Main Thought: *The hearts of our family matter to God.*

Sunday Outline:

- Prioritize what matters.
- Fight for the Heart.
- Share the Story.
- Make it Personal.

Welcome & Fellowship Time *(Suggested Time 10 Minutes)*

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: *(Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes)*

- What did you do this week to reach out to your neighbor?

Discussion Starter: *(Suggested Time 5 minutes)*

- Share a memorable story with the group from your family. (It could be something from your childhood, a parent story, something your kids did, or even something more recent)
- Talk about the home you grew up in. What was the approach to rules and discipline in your childhood home?

Sermon Review: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- On Sunday, we discussed how what we prioritize matters. What are some of the things you prioritize that show your family what matters most? How do we unintentionally model to our family what matters?
- We are certainly not going to begin walking around with boxes on our foreheads (though it might not be a bad idea), but what are some ways you can carry the instructions of God's Word with you throughout the week and into your family?
- How do you spend your days? Make a quick list of all the things you typically do in just one day. Which ones require the most energy and time? Is anything on the list something that fills you and energizes you as an individual?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 25 minutes)*

- Discuss with your group your vision for the “perfect family.” Where do you think this vision came from? And how do you think your family measures up to this vision?
- One of our greatest challenges within our families is the desire to control outcomes for those we dearly love. How have you seen a desire to control cause a family relationship to be fractured rather than healed?
- Read together Proverbs 3:1-8. These words of wisdom for Solomon provide an encouragement for how we prioritize the greatest of God to permeate through our lives and into our families. Talk about some of the promises of God’s Word which you have written on your heart to sustain you when the challenges of family have presented themselves.
- In Proverbs 3:5-7. Talk about times you have allowed your own wisdom or that of others to guide you in your family relationships rather than the wisdom and truth of God.
- How have you seen God show up in the happy times of your family? How about the heartbreaking times?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- What are some family relationships that you need to prayerfully give over to God and trust Him more fully to begin reconciling those relationships?
- If you are raising kids at all ages, are you prioritizing the need to have the “perfect family” or are you prioritizing the relationship?
- Whether receptive or not how are you leading your family toward the heart of God in your priorities, your stories, and your life. The hardest reach with the Gospel is into our families. Pray for God’s wisdom and encouragement as you seek to point others to the heart of God.

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*