

SESSION 6: FAMILY

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SEE WHAT GREAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD! AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE! THE REASON THE WORLD DOES NOT KNOW US IS THAT IT DID NOT KNOW HIM. 1 JOHN 3:1

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KEY SCRIPTURE

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us”- 1 John 4:11 & 12

RECAP SESSION 5

In Session 5 we took a closer look at Holiness: what it means to be holy, why we should live holy lives and how to do so. Part of the discussion explored the power of sin and how sin impacts on our relationship with God.

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AIM OF THIS SESSION

“God sets the lonely in families” (Psalm 68:6a). In this session we look at the importance of being part of a godly family (church) and what this meant to the first century New Testament believers, and ultimately what it means for each of us today.

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” - 1 John 3:1a

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FACILITATOR INSTRUCTIONS

FACILITATOR PREPARATION

- As this is the last session of Fuel, and it is about the subject of family, we recommend building around the clip by sharing a meal / having a pudding evening together.
- Invite friends and family to join you for this evening and ask your small group members to invite others too. Keep in mind that evangelism is always intentional.
- Organise bread and grape juice for the breaking of bread together.
- ***This session there are 2 clips.** One is 'Family' – the 6th episode in our Fuel Series – and the other is a 'Bonus Feature' – this is the Gospel Message.
 - * Watch BOTH in your preparation, so that you know what content is covered.
 - * On the evening play this extra clip as a salvation message and follow the prompting of the Spirit. It may be that through this time God has stirred someone's heart to give their life to God or to recommit their life. Try not to assume everyone in your group is saved and ask God to lead you on the night as to what to do and when. Trust for a response and be ready to baptise etc.
- **Optional:** If no one responds or if you feel that there is no need to play it for the salvation message (everyone is saved) – then you can play the clip and use it as a means to discuss evangelism. (See discussion questions)

DURING THE SESSION

- **The memory verse:** This is your final opportunity to recall the memory verses and have some fun around them. (Keep in mind any potential guests and ensure they are not left out during this time).
- **Worksheets:** Hand the Worksheets out BEFORE the clip. There is space for note taking.
- **Play & watch the clip:** This is a longer clip. Bear in mind there is an optional second clip too, so this evening we do not advise playing the clip twice.
- **Gospel Message/Bonus Feature:** Depending on how you feel led, play the gospel message. Follow up if anyone responded or move into discussion.
- **Move into discussion/breaking of bread/meal:** As per your preparation.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- FAMILY CLIP
 - * In light of everything we've heard, what does it mean to actually live as a family?
 - * How do we practically live family out in community/church?
- GOSPEL MESSAGE
 - * What principles can we learn from this clip for sharing the gospel with others?
 - * Who are you going to be sharing the gospel with this week?

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APPLICATION REFERENCE - WORKSHEET COPY

In order to grow in understanding and bring about change in your life, we encourage you to do the following before your next session. Consider this the practical element of Fuel.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Through this series, open your heart to what God would say to you and allow His Spirit to work in you and transform you to reach this lost and broken world. Before your next session spend some time working through the below. Remember, this is for you... there are no wrong/right answers.

FAMILY

- What does it mean to actually live as a family?
- How do we practically live family out in community church?

GOSPEL

- Who are you going to be sharing the gospel with this week?
- What is stopping you from sharing the gospel?
- Where can you make adjustments in your own life, to step out in sharing your faith more?

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Memorising the Scriptures and meditating on them day and night, is one of the ways God shapes us and makes us into the people He wants us to be.

MEMORY VERSE

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love one for another.” –
John 13:35

PERSONAL READING

- Last week we read through 1 John and highlighted passages that speak about Sin and Obedience.
- This week read through **1 John again**, and **reflect on the past 6 weeks**:
 - * What are the key things God emphasised and has spoken through 1 John to you?
 - * How do you feel you have been impacted and changed?
 - * What do you need to put in place to help you continue to apply these lessons to your life?
- Write these down as a means of reflection and a reminder for later reference (to help you keep account.)
- Consider meeting with your leaders/those you are accountable to and discussing how you have personally been impacted by Fuel and perhaps where they can continue to help you in walking forward.