

CHAPTER 7 - SPIRITUAL FAMILY

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- Where do you fall in the birth order in your family? Do you feel like you fit the stereotypes of your birth order?

INTRODUCTION

When we're born, we're born into a family. The same is true when we're born again—we're added to the family of God. That family has a lot of different local expressions, and our church is one of them. In an age of relational shallowness, Christians must be far more intentional about living within church relationships, or as we'll call it here, spiritual family.

DISCUSSION

- What is something new you learned in the Scriptures this week? Was anything confusing or difficult to understand?
- Pick 2-3 "Study" questions from the chapter to discuss. Here are a few possible places to start:
 - Exercise 1, Study Question 1
 - Exercise 4, Study Question 1
 - Exercise 5, Study Question 1

APPLICATION

- In the discussion about gifts in exercise 1, what gifts do you believe God has given you?
- How has this chapter impacted the way you think about your local church and your place in it?
- Pick 1-2 "Reflect" and "Respond" exercises to discuss. For example:
 - Exercise 4, Reflect
 - Exercise 5, Respond

PRAYER

As you close your discussion, choose a few areas to focus on in prayer together. These could include praying for church leadership, praying over conflict and hurts your group members have experienced, and praying for the use of your time and habits.