

WEEK 2 – Family Values

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Gates** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **The Chorus** (*The Belonging Co.*)
- **I Believe** (*Charity Gayle*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1 Peter 2:4-6
- Matthew 6:33; 7:24-27
- Psalm 127:1
- 2 Samuel 7:1-11
- Genesis 12:1-3
- Ezekiel 36:25-27
- 1 Peter 2:4-6

OPENING PRAYER

Open your time together in prayer.

ICE BREAKER

Growing up, what was one “unwritten rule” in your family—something everyone just knew was important, even if no one ever said it out loud?

OVERVIEW

This week Pastor Brian walked us through the importance of intentionally building our homes on the foundation of Jesus Christ. A godly house does not happen by accident. It requires partnership with God, humility, and a willingness to align our beliefs, values, and habits with the Kingdom of God. This guide will help your group reflect on the sermon, engage in honest conversation, and take practical steps toward building a home that honors God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- A house must be intentionally built. Just as a physical structure requires planning, materials, and skilled work, so does a godly home. It does not happen on its own.
- Everything in our lives is meant to be squared and in line with Jesus — his life, teaching, vision, and mission.
- God is not just a resource we consult. He is an active partner who calls, establishes, and redirects us into alignment with his will. Building a godly house is a dynamic, living relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- There is a clear progression at work: Beliefs shape Values, and Values shape Habits. We cannot skip steps. Lasting habits grow out of deeply held values, and values grow out of what we truly believe.
- Three pitfalls threaten the godly home: pride, apathy, and deception. The greatest of these is deception, because the people closest to us — our spouses and our children — already know the truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening (Getting the Conversation Started)

1. When you hear the phrase "family values," what is your first reaction? Does it feel exciting, overwhelming, or somewhere in between? Why?
2. Pastor Brian said that talking about values can be "a little tricky because we are starting in the middle." What did he mean by that, and does that resonate with your experience?

Going Deeper

3. Pastor Brian described the relationship between beliefs, values, and habits. In your own life, can you identify a habit you have that traces back to a clear belief and value? Can you identify a habit that does not connect to anything you actually believe? What does that disconnect tell you?

4. Read Psalm 127:1, which teaches that unless God builds the house, the work of those building it is wasted effort. What is the difference between applying biblical principles on your own and genuinely partnering with God in building your home? What does that partnership look like in daily life?
5. Pastor Brian pointed to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 and David in 2 Samuel 7 as examples of people God called, redirected, and built into something greater than they had planned for themselves. Pastor Brian also shared that he wanted to be a gym teacher and a football coach. What has God redirected in your own life? How did you respond to that redirection?
6. Pastor Brian identified three pitfalls: pride, apathy, and deception.
 - a. Which of the three do you think is most common in Christian homes today? Why?
 - b. Which of the three do you find yourself most susceptible to personally?
 - c. He said the number one killer of a godly house is deception, and that "your spouse and your kids know the truth, or they will cause your sin to find you out." How does that land with you?
7. Pastor Brian shared the church's core values and suggested that a disciple is a person who lives out the core values of their community of faith. Do you agree with that definition? What would you add or adjust?

Reflection Questions

8. If someone observed your home for one week without you knowing, what values would they conclude your family holds — not the ones you would say you hold, but the ones demonstrated by how you spend your time, money, and attention?
9. Ezekiel 36:25-27 describes God removing a heart of stone and replacing it with a heart of flesh and placing his Spirit within his people to move them toward obedience. What area of your life or your home still feels like stone? What would it look like to surrender that area to God?
10. Pastor Brian said, "When the best first step is really to sit and listen. Give God our yes, no matter what He says." Is there an area of your home or family life where you have been charging ahead with your own plans rather than listening first? What would it mean to stop and give God your yes in that area?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION (10 Mins)

This Week, As an Individual

- Set aside time to pray specifically about your personal values. Not what you think they should be, but what they actually are. Ask God to show you the gap between the two.
- Using the Belief-Value-Habit framework from the sermon, write out two or three beliefs you hold, the values that flow from them, and the habits those values should produce. Be honest about where the habits are missing.

This Week, As a Couple or Family

- Begin the conversation about family values. Pastor Brian's specific challenge was to pray about, talk about, and write down your family values. This week, aim for the first step: start the conversation. You do not have to finish it.
- Pray together as a couple or as a family, even if it is brief and simple. Pastor Brian described prayer as spending time talking to God about needs, wants, feelings, gratitude, complaints, and everything else — and also spending time saying nothing, just listening.

This Week, As a Group

- Consider sharing one family value each person wants to cultivate in their home and one pitfall — pride, apathy, or deception — they want to guard against. Commit to praying for one another in both areas before your next meeting.

Closing Thought and Prayer

Close your group time by praying through these areas together:

- Ask God to reveal what he wants to build in each of your homes, not just what you have already planned.
- Ask for humility to resist pride, perseverance to resist apathy, and courage to resist deception.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to move in your households the way Ezekiel 36 describes — replacing stone with flesh and producing genuine, lasting obedience.

Next Week — Week 3: Family Habits. Pastor Brian will be moving from values to habits. Come ready to talk about what it looks like to put your family values into consistent, daily practice.