



**Life Group Questions**  
**The Sins of Suburbia | Week 4: Family**  
**Matthew 12:46-50 || October 30, 2022**

**Ice-Breaker:** Tell us about one of the following people in your extended family (avoid sharing about anyone in the room unless it's positive): the “crazy uncle,” the hugger, the mysterious, the loud talker, the quiet talker, the picky eater, etc. Despite their unique trait, what is something you appreciate about him/her?

- 1) What stood out** from Steven’s message that challenged you, intrigued you, or that you’d like to discuss?
  
- 2) The Big Idea** from the message is that “devotion to family must not supersede devotion to God.” What are common ways families struggle with this? Do you resonate with one or more?
  
- 3) Who came to find Jesus** in verse 46? Based on the context of the chapter, what is a possible reason they sought to get his attention? What do we learn about **Jesus’ desire for us** from his response in verse 50?
  
- 4) What special bonds** does the family of God have that earthly families do not?
  
- 5) What are the benefits of becoming a church member?** (i.e., Why bother?)
  
- 6) Steven concluded by asking five application questions. Which challenged you the most?**
  - a) Will you reject the cultural pressure to find your identity in the success of your kids? (comparison)
  - b) Will you order your family life in such a way so that you can do the Father’s will together? (busyness)
  - c) Will you sacrifice some “family” time to be an outward-focused family through biblical hospitality? (privacy)
  - d) What would you do if your children came to you one day denying the truth?
  - e) Will you consider joining this family of faith? (membership class Nov 20)