

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
September 16, 2018



Family Goals – Week #1

INTRO:

All of us have some kind of family disfunction. Sometimes it's serious, sometimes it's amusing. Share with the group when you realized as a kid that your family wasn't "perfect". Was it divorce, family arguments, that "weird" uncle?

DIVE IN:

Pastor Paul highlighted five common disfunctions within families. Each of us experience these slightly differently. As your group shares which disfunctions they related with the most, work through the following questions on each topic as led.

Favoritism:

1. Was you the favorite or someone else the favorite and did this cause strife in the family?
2. How did it affect you growing up and does it still affect you today?
3. Do you favor any of your children today?

Deception -

1. Was there a family secret(s) they lied to you about?
2. Did you hide any family secrets?
3. Once the truth came out, how did it affect you?
4. Are you hiding any secrets today in your family?

Control -

1. Did you have helicopter parents?
2. Did they control your life?
3. How did this affect you?
4. Are you controlling your kids now?

Inability to Resolve Conflict -

1. Did your family avoided conflicts or was it World War III when conflicts arose?
2. How did this affect you growing up?
3. How do you handle conflict now with your family?

Broken Relationships -

1. Any broken relationships you feel led to share with parents, siblings, cousins, etc. What happened?
2. Have you cut them off completely?
3. Can you forgive them?
4. How does it affect you today?
5. Are there any broken relationships in your family today?

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Pastor Paul shared two steps to beginning to overcome disfunction within your family. What does it look like for you to walk through these two things as you reflect on your family environments.

- Admit your brokenness - 1 John 1:8-9
- Ask God for help and direction - Psalm 72: 12-14

What does it look like for you to make sure your family environment is safe and open?

As a group share ideas and examples of how you do it and be encouraging to others to be safe and open in their families. This is where the 3rd step comes in at because they are already ahead of the curve by belonging in a community group.

- Get around people that are doing family well - 1 Corinthians 11:1

Who do you look to as examples of functional family? Why? How do you apply what you learn from them?

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?