



## Small Group Discussion Guide

**ICE BREAKER:** May 13th is International Hummus Day, National Crouton Day, National Frog Jumping Day and National Fruit Cocktail Day. If you had to pick your mom's present for Mother's Day from these 4 celebrations, which would she be most excited to receive?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If your group meets bi-weekly, do 2 & 4.

1. This week Pastor Tom outlined the importance of God's organizational chart for the family. How can children assume the wrong place in the home? Read Genesis 1:1; 2:4; 4:1; Ephesians 5:1, 33 6:1-4. What do these verses show us about how God desires a family to function and thrive?
2. Pastor Tom said, "If a family was like a corporation, you need to keep in mind that children are not equal "shareholders"..." Read Proverbs 1:8. Who are the primary "shareholders" of the family? How can we help the children in our lives relate to this reality in a healthy way?
3. Review the K.I.D.S. acronym in your notes. Which one of these important environmental factors do you think goes well (or went well) in your family? Which one do you (or did you) struggle with? What is one tangible thing you could do to grow or move forward in this area?
4. Pastor Tom indicated the need for us to establish a family schedule based on God's priorities. What are challenges to this kind of schedule that he outlined in the message (see notes)? Are these (or were these) two challenges a challenge in your home? Read Matthew 6:33. How might a priority shift in your home benefit your family or a family you know who struggles in this area? How can our group help you to take this step or help you encourage others?

## Personal Guide for Week of May 13th

As you read through this week's passages, what is God showing you about families and relationships? Consider journaling about what steps God is asking you to take to keep healthy relationships with your family.

**DAY 1:** Read Genesis 1:1; 2:4; 4:1

**DAY 2:** Read Ephesians 5:1, 33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:21

**DAY 3:** Read Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 6:33; Ephesians 5:22, 25

**DAY 4:** Read Hebrews 12:7-11

**DAY 5:** Read Matthew 6:33

# IS THIS US?

## MESSAGE NOTES AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION & PERSONAL GUIDES

“SOMEDAY YOU’LL UNDERSTAND”

MAY 13, 2018

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A SERIES ON PARENTING AND FAMILIES

“Someday You’ll Understand”  
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

## MESSAGE NOTES

So how do you as a parent make sure that your children are not the \_\_\_\_\_ of your family?

### 1. Commit to God’s Organizational \_\_\_\_\_ for the Family

Note Genesis 1:1; 2:4; 4:1; Ephesians 5:1, 33; 6:1-4

If you are a parent now and if your child(ren) is/are the C.E.O. of the family, then you may need to perform a “h\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_”.

Note Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 6:33; Ephesians 5:22, 25

Parenting = The Biblical process of teaching and training your children to \_\_\_\_\_.

(Young)

Note Colossians 3:21

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Children

If a family was like a corporation, you need to keep in mind that children are not equal “s\_\_\_\_\_”...

...cast a \_\_\_\_\_ for your family (note Proverbs 1:8).

K.I.D.S.:

- Knowledge that’s in touch with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Intimacy that’s on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Discipline that’s r\_\_\_\_\_ (note Hebrews 12:7-11).
- S\_\_\_\_\_ that’s intentional.

### 3. Establish a Family \_\_\_\_\_ Based on God’s Priorities

- A. B\_\_\_\_\_ - recent studies show that \_\_\_\_\_% of kids get less sleep than needed; \_\_\_\_\_% fall asleep in class.
- B. Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA’s) - they can be a good thing, but they can also become all-consuming and can completely \_\_\_\_\_ a family’s schedule. Great \_\_\_\_\_...can easily be eclipsed by good \_\_\_\_\_. What will help my son or daughter deal with and overcome temptations...more ECA’s, or regular \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s truth? Note Matthew 6:33.

Is This Us?:

- \_\_\_\_\_ mean saying “yes” to the best and being willing to say “no” to the “okay” or even the “good”.
- So who is running the show in your home?

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