

Life Group Discussion

Woven Together: Faith, Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Opening Thought

At our Family Service, we were reminded that God is not looking for perfect families. He is building restored families. Families become strong when God is at the centre, faith is lived out daily, and forgiveness becomes a normal practice rather than a rare event. We also heard the challenge that reconciliation often begins when someone is willing to humble themselves, admit their wrongs, and take the first step toward healing.

Opening Prayer

Ask someone to open in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak honestly into family relationships and areas where forgiveness or reconciliation may be needed.

Icebreaker

If you could describe your family using one word, what would it be and why?

OR

What's one funny family story that still gets repeated today?

Read Together

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Colossians 3:13

Ephesians 4:32

Discussion Questions

1. God First

The sermon reminded us that before God speaks about parenting or family, He speaks about loving Him with all our heart, soul, and strength.

Discussion:

- Why do you think God starts with our relationship with Him before talking about family?
 - How does your personal walk with Jesus affect those closest to you?
 - Where can faith become more naturally woven into your everyday family life?
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2. Faith in Everyday Moments

We heard that faith grows through ordinary moments repeated over time, not just through Sunday services.

Discussion:

- What are some simple ways your family currently talks about God?
 - What are some practical ways you could include prayer, gratitude, Scripture, or spiritual conversations during the week?
 - Which "ordinary moments" could become opportunities for discipleship?
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3. The Myth of the Perfect Family

Both messages highlighted that children do not need perfect parents and families do not need to be perfect to be healthy.

Discussion:

- What pressure do families face to appear perfect?
 - How has pretending everything is okay sometimes prevented healing?
 - How does the Gospel free us from having to be perfect?
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4. The Power of Humility

Mimi reminded us that pride is one of the biggest obstacles to healing in families and that God gives grace to the humble.

Discussion:

- Why is apologising often so difficult?
 - What role does pride play in conflict?
 - Can you remember a time when someone's humility helped restore a relationship?
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5. What Makes a Healthy Apology?

A biblical apology:

- Takes responsibility
- Doesn't make excuses
- Asks for forgiveness
- Seeks to change

Discussion:

- Which part of apologising do you find most challenging?

- Why do apologies that include "but..." often fail to bring healing?
 - What is the difference between regret and repentance?
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6. Reconciliation and Forgiveness

The strongest families are not those who never hurt one another. They are the ones who learn how to forgive and reconcile. [\[Reconcilia...Talk 2026 | Word\]](#), [\[Family Ser...imi Hewett | Word\]](#)

Discussion:

- What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?
 - Why does forgiveness not always happen instantly?
 - How has God's forgiveness toward us shaped the way we forgive others?
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Personal Reflection

Take a few quiet moments and ask:

- Is there someone in my family whom I need to forgive?
 - Is there someone from whom I need to ask forgiveness?
 - Is pride preventing me from taking a step toward healing?
 - What is one practical step God is asking me to take this week?
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Challenge for the Week

Choose one of the following:

- ☒ Have a meaningful spiritual conversation with a family member.
 - ☒ Share a story of God's faithfulness from your life with someone in your family.
 - ☒ Offer a sincere apology where it is needed.
 - ☒ Forgive someone you have been holding resentment toward.
 - ☒ Pray together as a family at least once this week.
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Closing Prayer

"Father, thank You that You have reconciled us to Yourself through Jesus. Help us to love You first, to build our homes around Your truth, and to become people who forgive as we have been forgiven. Give us humble hearts, courage to apologise when we are wrong, and grace to pursue reconciliation in our families. May our homes reflect Your love, Your mercy, and Your Gospel. Amen."