

**Family First**  
LifeGroup Lesson  
August 19, 2018  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Father, you made us to be in relationship. You created us out of a perfect and an amazing community for creating communities that flourish. Strengthen our families and strengthen our community that we might be witnesses to the wonders of your Kingdom. Your heart is for the family, so teach us how to be for the family. Amen.

**BREAKING THE ICE:**

- What did you agree/disagree with in the LifeTalk?
- What was your family like growing up?
- Who makes up your family now?
- When was the last family gathering you had? What was it like?

**WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- What strikes you about this passage?
- What does this passage say regarding family? What are some of the things that God wants for the family?
- Describe the relationship between God and his people. In what ways does it mirror that of being a family?
- What are the practical things that God asks us to with our families?
- Why do you think God is persistent in passing on His words to future generations? How can you pass on God's word to the future generations?

Read Psalm 68:5-6

- What strikes you about this passage?
- What does this passage indicate about God's heart for the family?
- What does it mean that God is our father?
- How have you experienced God as your father?

**NEXT STEPS:**

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- Consider how you are passing on your faith to your children or to others in your family. What are some intentional steps you can take to pass your faith on to your family?
- What is your family life like right now? Take some time to journal about what you wish your family could be like and any areas where you think it needs to grow. Make some intentional steps to make that change.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

God, you are the father of the orphan and you have given us a family. We know that we don't always get it right with our families, but we pray that you will help us as we strive to do better. We pray that you will give us a new way of doing family together. We pray that we will see you more and more as our Father and begin to live more into our identity as your children. Amen.