

A Place Called Home

Church is Not Like Family

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Getting Started

- **Highs and Lows:** Ask your group what their high point and low point of the week
- **Icebreaker:** What's one thing that is quirky about your family?

Setup

- Welcome & Prayer
- Walk Your Group Through Your Group Norms And Expectations
- Share The Next Steps Survey With Your Group

Key Questions

- **Recap:** What's one spiritual truth from this week's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- **Big Idea:** *"Church is not like family, it is family."*
 - Do you believe that church is supposed to be family?
 - What does it mean to be family to you?
 - Why do you believe it is so important for us to be rooted in a church family?
- **Next Steps:** *On Sunday pastor Blake shared three ways to reconnect to family.*
 - Be Present
 - Be Open
 - Be Consistent
 - Which of these do you find most difficult when trying to connect to a church family?
 - Why?
 - What can you do this week to begin moving in that area and connecting to your church family more?

Optional Questions – *If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.*

- Read Ezekiel 37:26a aloud. In this passage God promises to make a covenant of peace with us. He offers this peace within community.
 - How does God use our community/church family to provide peace?
 - How have you experienced this in your own life?
- Read Ezekiel 37:27 aloud. We are all God's children, even the imperfect people that frustrate us.
 - How can we love and choose to be family with people even when they frustrate us at church?

- o Is there anyone in your life that is making it hard to love them like family right now?

Announcements:

- Announce time and place of group next week
- Promote this Sunday's service and invite your group to sit with you