



SPX Small Groups

Life is Better Together

modern family



**Every One is different
No One is perfect
Love is always the answer**

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In looking at the Gospels those four weeks we will preach on Jesus' ideal on marriage and family vs. the reality we all face. We will look at the challenges many families face....like: divorce, separation, blended families, single parent families, families with a gay or lesbian member, struggles with finances, illnesses, or death. Throughout the series we'll be looking at these issues through the lens of our personal families as well as our Church family. No one is perfect, every one is different, and love is always this answer.

Week 1	October 7	Structure: Ideal vs. Reality
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Series Prayer

Heavenly Father, God our Creator,
You made us in love and call us your children.
Your Son Jesus died and rose that we might live as your family
in this life and the next.
At times we struggle and fall short of your ideal,
but You never stop loving us.
Lord, when it comes to our families,
we know that no one is perfect and every one is different,
so please help us to remember that love is always the answer.
Help our Church to heal and forever be a place to welcomes everyone.
May we grow every day as disciples called to build Your Kingdom.
Amen.

Week 1: October 7

Structure: Ideal vs. Reality

OPENING PRAYER

A Series Opening Prayer is provide for you at the beginning of this booklet.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is your earliest memory of your family?

What does emotions does the word 'family' bring up for you?

What does it mean to be 'family' today with all its quirks and challenges?

How do your experiences of your earthly family affect how you see the Church as a family?

What is your experience of family at SPX?

What do the scandals revealed this past summer mean for the structure of our Church family moving forward?

CLOSING PRAYER

Week 2: October 14

Finances

OPENING PRAYER

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Let's say you were anonymously left 10 million dollars – what would you do with it? Dream big!

What was your experience of money growing up? How did it affect your family dynamic then?

Now, how do finances affect your family dynamic? Do you have a healthy or unhealthy relationship with your resources?

How is your money dynamic with your church family? Is giving a part of how you live out discipleship?

What are steps that you can take this week to gain better control over your finances to be a better steward of your resources?

CLOSING PRAYER

Week 3: October 21

Serving & Pride

OPENING PRAYER

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Think about and share at time in your life that someone served you – not in a restaurant or store, but someone who truly showed you what true Christian service is supposed to be about.

How do you serve your family? How does your family see each other as servants of each other?

Do you serve others with a healthy perspective or do you seek to play the martyr?

How do we serve our church family? Do we recognize that serving is a crucial part of being a disciple?

This week, how can you seek to emulate Jesus' service in your life?

CLOSING PRAYER

Week 4: October 28

Healing & Forgiveness

OPENING PRAYER

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is a time in your life where you offered forgiveness to someone?
What is a time in your life when you received forgiveness from someone?

Are you ever blind to the needs of those in your family? Why / how?

It takes strength not weakness to admit a wrong and offer an apology.
It takes strength not weakness to accept an apology from another as well. Who do you need to offer and apology to? Who would you like to receive an apology from?

With regards to your church family, where is forgiveness needed?

What can you do this week to bring about healing in your life?

CLOSING PRAYER