

Today, we're beginning a new series called "Help! My Family is Crazy!" Family life can be messy, complicated, and—let's be honest—a little crazy sometimes. From Sunday's panel discussion, we heard real questions from real people. The world may have one way of doing family, but as followers of Jesus, we're called to live differently—even when it feels upside down. Today's discussion gives us a chance to reflect, be honest, and grow together as we consider, "What does it look like to build a God-honoring family in today's world?"

Key Passage: 1 Timothy 5:8

Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the phrase "Help! My Family is Crazy," what part of your story comes to mind first?

This could be humorous or serious – feel free to share a moment that made you think, "Yep... this is my circus."

2. 1 Timothy 5:8 says that caring for our family reflects our faith. What does it look like to "provide" more than just financially for your family?

It is incumbent upon us as followers of Christ to provide for other family members. This extends to providing a loving, peaceful, God-honoring home for our family members. Leaders: Help group members consider how they might cultivate a healthy emotional, spiritual, or relational environment in their homes.

3. How has your family looked "crazy" to the outside world because you've chosen to follow God's design for relationships or parenting?

Share a time when your faith decisions made others question or challenge you.

4. Which of the themes discussed Sunday (broken relationships, spiritual leadership, generational sin, grief, loneliness, etc.) hit closest to home for you? Why?

Leaders: Invite vulnerability but allow for privacy if needed. This may not be a time to offer answers, as much as time for "bearing one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) and praying for one another (Ephesians 6:18).

5. How do you personally navigate the tension between loving someone well and holding to biblical truth—especially in challenging areas like sexuality, cohabitation, or divorce?

Leaders: Consider both internal struggles and practical boundaries.

6. Why do you think many Christians struggle with loneliness in singleness or marriage, and what's a way the church family can help with that?

Leaders: Encourage ideas that lead to connection and community.

7. What is one boundary you believe is critical in dating or marriage that our culture often overlooks?

Leaders: Reflect on both physical and emotional boundaries.

8. In your home, how are you intentionally creating a God-honoring environment? Where do you feel the greatest challenge?

Leaders: Help group members consider spiritual routines, tone of communication, or priorities.

9. What's one step you can take to move your life and your family life toward Jesus this month?