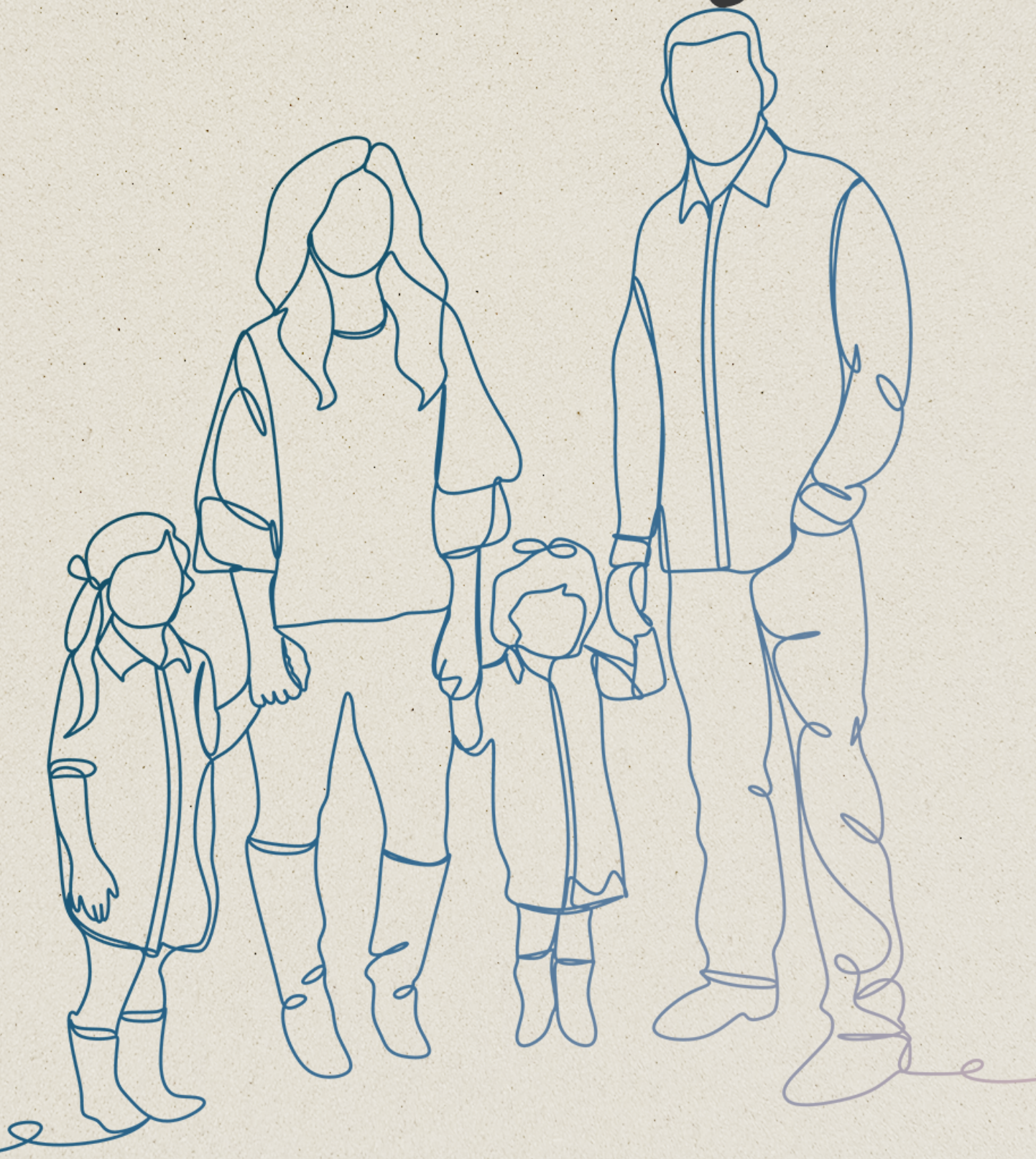


**Group
Discussion
Guide**

Week 8

family
matters



CONNECT

Take sometime to break the ice and choose one of the questions below.

- How would you describe the word "family"?
- What was your family like growing up?
- Discipleship check-in (at the bottom of this guide!)

INTRODUCTION

Family matters. It matters because all of us come from a family despite how different they may look. It matters because God created them to be a blessing to the world, but it can seem like they more often cause pain or hardship. Scripture has a lot to say about family. Today's passage will introduce the first family and give us a vision for what God hopes for in all of our families.

Take time to pray before you start. Ask the Spirit to give you eyes to see what God intended for families.

READ & DISCUSS

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Genesis 2:15-15

DISCUSS

- What initial observations do you have about the passage?
- What do you think it communicates that God said, "It is not good for man to be alone", even though God was with Adam?
- Where in the passage do you see how Adam and Eve are supposed to relate to one another? What can we learn from this?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS

- In the following chapter of Genesis, Adam and Eve will disobey God by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and because of their rebellion sin and brokenness will enter into the world. How has sin affected your family or how you interact with your family?
- All of our families have felt the effects of sin. The good news is Jesus came not only to forgive the sins committed against one another, but also to empower families to experience and share the healing power of the gospel together. How do you think your family can run after Jesus together?

PRAYER

Praise the Father who sent his son to invite us into the only perfect family. Pray that Jesus would be who your family runs after in all circumstances.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?

