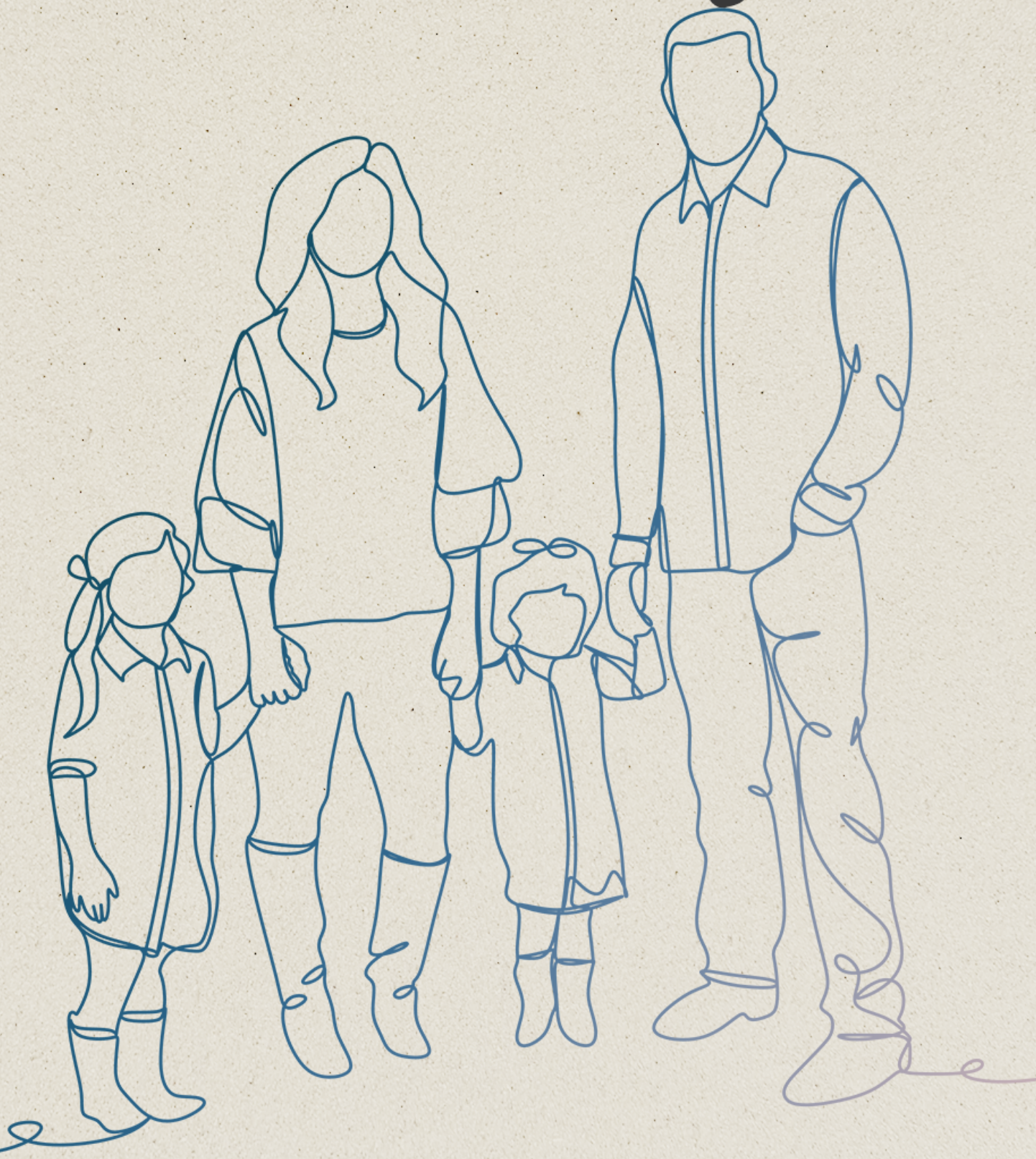


**Group
Discussion
Guide**

Week 5

family
matters



CONNECT

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

- What is one thing you are taking away from this series?
- What is something your family does together?
- 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 family 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. This week we will be looking at what it means for a family to do the will of God.

Pray for the Spirit to give a clear vision of how our families can do the will of God.

READ & DISCUSS

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Mark 3:20-35

DISCUSS

- How would you describe how Jesus's family is relating to Jesus? Why are they acting like this?
- How would you describe how the scribes are engaging with Jesus? Why are they acting like this?
- What do you think it means to do the will of God?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS

- Jesus says to be in his family is “to do the will of God.” In verses 13-19, Jesus is appointing the twelve disciples. This is the beginning of God creating his new family. He implores them to be with him and to preach his message (v.14). The will of God is to be with Jesus and share his gospel. How does your family “be” with Jesus and share his message?
- These two groups of people, his family and the scribes, who both should have known who Jesus was, instead tried to control him and ultimately rejected him. Jesus, in his goodness, goes to the cross to save those people. How can you be a reminder of this truth in your family? Especially when your family has strayed from Jesus.

PRAYER

Praise Jesus who loves our families even when we fail to love him. Pray that our families would “be” with Jesus and preach his gospel.

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?

