

# WEEK 2

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



“Family” is a concept understood all over the world, in every country, culture, and language, but no two families are the same. We all have our unique family structures, quirks, traditions, values, problems, and dysfunctions. It’s not always easy to love our families (or even like them sometimes), but the Bible is full of guidance on how to love each other well — we just have to be willing to apply that at home. In this 4-week series, we’ll take a look at some of the lessons learned by Jesus-followers in the early days of the church, because learning how to be part of God’s family might help us learn how to be part of our own families. In God’s family, **we support each other, pray for each other, reconcile with each other, and love each other.**

### THIS WEEK

#### THE BIG IDEA

In God’s family we pray for each other.

#### THE BIBLE

Colossians 1:1–14; I Thessalonians 5:16–18;  
Philippians 4:6

- **If you were wearing a mood ring, what color would it be today and why?**
- **What is the mood usually like in your family? What sort of things can shift the mood (for better or worse)?**
- **What do you usually do when you’re in a bad mood? How do you think that affects your family?**
- **What are some ways prayer could help change our attitude when we’re in a bad mood?**
- **How often do you pray in a typical day? Why don’t you think we reach out to God more often?**
- **What are your biggest questions or hesitations about prayer?**
- **What did you notice about the way Paul prayed for other Jesus-followers? Why did that stand out to you?**
- **When we pray for our families, who do you think changes most: us, them, or both? Why do you think so?**
- **Read Philippians 4:6. What’s something that happened at home recently that you should have prayed about? What do you think could have been different if you had talked to God about it?**
- **This week, how are you going to make it more of a habit to pray for your family?**