

# DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

## WEEK 4: LIVE AS FAMILY



**INTRO:** “Live as Family” is the 2nd of our 4 commitments. Below is a refresher of our 4 commitments.

- 1) Live for Jesus
- 2) Live as Family
- 3) Live on Mission
- 4) Live to Multiply

**BIG IDEA:** The Gospel Makes us Family

**DISCUSSION:** Answer the following questions as Gospel Community this week.

1. **OPENER:** What are some positive and negative things you have learned about “Family” as you think about your family of origin and/or experiences you’ve had with Christian community in the past?
2. **BIBLE:** Read Philippians 2.1-5 together as a GC. What do these verses tell us about God’s desire for the Christians that Paul was writing to?
3. **BIBLE:** Read Acts 2.41-47 together as a GC. From these verses, what does the Family of God look like in action?
4. **BIBLE:** Read John 13.34-35 together as a GC. What do these verses tell us about Jesus’ desire for His disciples?
5. **APPLICATION:** How does the Gospel make us Family?
6. **APPLICATION:** What are some practical ways that we can share life together this year?
7. **APPLICATION:** What are some ways we can intentionally choose to love one another this year?

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**LEADER GUIDE:** Take a few minutes and prep for your GC gathering by reviewing the Leader Guide below.

### **HOW THE GOSPEL MAKES US FAMILY**

The Gospel makes us Family. Here is how. Through faith in the Gospel, we are adopted into God's family as brothers and sisters in Christ. You have gospel siblings. As Christians, we have the opportunity and privilege to "Live as Family". This changes how we relate to each other, how we care for each other, how we do conflict, how we share wins together, the camaraderie we have, the purpose we are given.

### **GOSPEL COMMUNITY AS A PRIMARY CONTEXT TO "LIVE AS FAMILY"**

GCs are one of the primary ways people experience "Family" at Redeemer. It's one of the best ways for us to "Live as Family" together. You probably won't feel like "Family" with every person you see at church on Sunday morning. That's ok. However, you can have an increasing sense of "Family" with a smaller group of people within the church, a Gospel Community. Help your GC see itself as a Family.

### **FAMILY WITH A MISSION**

A healthy GC "Family" will make disciples THAT make disciples. At some point, people in the GC might feel God calling them to go start and lead a new GC, so that more people can experience the Family. This can and should be bittersweet. But it's worth it. When some of your Family leaves, it's bitter because you will probably miss your Family. It's also worth it because you know that other people are going to be invited into the Family.

**BIG WIN:** Your GC talks about intentional and practical steps of what it could look like for your GC to "Live as Family".

**PRAY:** Ask God to cultivate a sense of "Family" in your GC.