



PERFECT



NORMAL

the beauty in our

CRAZY

family

AWKWARD



BROKEN



Deuteronomy 6:4-9 April 23, 2017 Life Group & Personal Bible Study

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection for both Life Group discussion and personal enrichment. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a conversational resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time with the Lord.

1) Focus: What are some descriptive words that define family? Talk or think a bit on these words asking why those words describe family? When you were thinking of family, did you consider just the nuclear family? What about the broader family: extended family, church family, your family of friends, work family, and your community family; what words describe this broader group? What were some of the lessons you have learned from family? Family may be a bit more 'awkward' or 'broken,' and can be a very deep struggle. How could someone in that environment learn valuable lessons for life?

Look up Isaiah 61:1-3 and discuss how God has a way to give 'beauty for ashes.'

How do family type relationships influence us? The following bible verses will help: Proverbs 13:20-25, 22:24-25, 27:17, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Psalm 1:1

2) Reflect: Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 again and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

Also read Matthew 22:37-39, Mark 12:29-30, Luke 10:25-28 where Jesus referred to what was said in Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

3) Dig Deeper:

- Read Philippians 3:4-14; explain how Paul is 'hearing?'
- Read 1 John 4:7-11. How does God loving us make a difference?
- Read John 14:15 and discuss how active love is demonstrated. Also, talk about how actions can become legalistic (You may need to define legalistic. Jesus did in Matthew 23:1-7).

4) The Triune Nature of God *Look up the verses in this statement and discuss.*

God is One God (Exodus 3:14, Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6, Mark 12:29, 1 Corinthians 8:4) who exists as three equal personalities in nature, divinity, perfection, and attributes, yet distinct. God is of one essence yet operates as three distinct persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) with complimentary functions (Genesis 1:26 "us" at creation, 1 Peter 1:2, John 1:1, Acts 5:3-4).

5) Active love connects and includes like family.

How will you choose to hear, love, and do? How do these choices create an environment of connection and inclusion?

The Beauty of Our Crazy Family
We're Not Alone

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**Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks" & other
Bible verses**

Active Love that Connects and Includes Like Family

Introductory Notes:

Ephesians 1:3-5

Isaiah 61:1-3

A Choice to Hear vs4

Matthew 6:33

Ephesians 1

Philippians 3:8-9

Ephesians 2:4-5

A Choice to Love vs5

John 14:15

A Choice to Do vs6-9