

Life Group Questions
For the week of Sept. 6, 2015
Series: The Puzzle

REVIEW: Read Luke 10:25-37. Is there anything in this story that caught your attention, like to comment on or had a question about?

OPENER: List your top four reasons why families grow apart:

1. In Luke 10:31-32 we find the Levite and the Priest seemingly too busy to stop to help the man. Are there demands or pulls on your life that you may not have control over that pull you away from spending more time with your family members? If so and if you had the power to change it...how would you change things?

2. In Luke 10:30-33 we have three types of people: Robbers, Levite/priest, and the Samaritan. Robbers take from others. Levite/Priests do not share what they have with others. And the Samaritan shares what he has if someone needs it. When it comes to our families and sharing ourselves with them, what type of person are you and why would you say that?

3. Pastor Jim stated that we are to Step away from our busyness to Step in to our families world. He called that Empathy, which simply means to walk in someone else's shoes and get their view on life. Jesus did that and that is why He is called "Immanuel, which means: God with us." What do the following verses teach us about Jesus walking in our shoes?

Colossians 2:9

Hebrews 2:18

Hebrews 4:15

GOING DEEPER

1. Read Luke 10:33 The Samaritan "Saw" and "Felt." He analyzed and sympathized. He used his head and his heart and that led him to Step In to the man's life. We need both these qualities in our lives...problem is, we typically practice one without the other and we need both or instead of "drawing" our family close we will "drive" them away. Which one are you best at? Sympathizing: Feeling what someone else feels. Or Analyzing: Telling that person what they need to do and if they do not do it...bye bye. Explain...and how has this driven or drawn your family members closer to you?

2. If you could press a magic button and give you the one quality that would make all your relationships better...what would it be and why?

3. Something to think about. Sometimes the characteristics or habits we dislike in others (especially family members) are often the ones we hate in ourselves. Have you ever found this to be true? Explain

TAKING IT HOME: What is the one item spoken about tonight or on Sunday that you need to take home and put into practice in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS: