

FIXER UPPER FAMILY**Week 4**

Aug. 31- Sept. 1, 2019

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⇒ **Leaders: note items marked with the arrows are key discussion questions if you're short on time.**

WARM-UP

Share a memory of something someone did for you that made you say, "That was the nicest thing!"

INTRODUCTION

- ⇒ List some reasons for why the people we call our "church family" might have closer relationships with us than our biological family.
- ⇒ What are some roles you can think of that church family plays in each other's lives?

Read Romans 12:1-5.

- ⇒ Share a lesson you see in this portion of Scripture that could apply to you personally.
- ⇒ What does it mean to let our bodies be a "living and holy sacrifice"? (Hint: compare this with the sacrifices people made in Old Testament.)
- ⇒ How is being a living and holy sacrifice different than performing acts of "self-sacrifice"?
- ⇒ Reread **verse 2**. Discuss what it means to live out the message in this verse.
- ⇒ In **verse 5**, it talks about being all parts of one body. Let's compare the body of Christ with how a human body functions. What happens when one part stops working or breaks down?
- ⇒ What happens in the body of Christ if some of its parts don't do the roles that God equipped them with unique gifts and abilities to perform?

BIBLE APPLICATION

Pastor Adam talked about 3 specific ways we can strengthen the family of God. Let's look at each one.

Share – Read Acts 2:44-47 and Acts 4:32-35

- ⇒ What does it mean to be united in heart and mind?
- ⇒ How is the mindset in Acts 4:32 different from what we are used to?
- ⇒ What are some ways we can share with others in the church to meet their needs?
- ⇒ Discuss what it means to help someone in need versus enabling someone.
- How is giving an act of worship?

- How does giving bring honor God *along with* meeting physical needs of people?
- List other instances in Scripture where someone shared what they had for the kingdom of Christ. (i.e. 5 loaves and 2 fishes, etc.)
- How can sharing with others in our church family help us *and* the people we serve to grow in our faith?

Serve – Read Mark 10:43-45 and John 13:12-17

- ⇒ Describe the qualities of a servant leader.
- ⇒ Describe how the mindset in Mark 10 differs from the mindset we often see in our world, on social media, and in our work and business.
- ⇒ How did Jesus demonstrate how to be a servant? Why were his actions unexpected?
- In what ways can serving bring fulfillment and honor?
- Why do you think people are reluctant to serve?
- How can serving be tied to sharing?

Surrender – Read Matthew 10:37-39

- ⇒ Discuss how this passage might be difficult for some people to receive and accept. How does a loving and tender God present this bold command to put him first, above everything?
- ⇒ Why is it difficult for us to fully surrender our lives to follow Christ?
- ⇒ What does it look like to take up our cross and follow him?
- ⇒ What is the decision that needs to be made in order to surrender to Christ? How does this apply to you personally?

NEXT STEPS / ACTION

- ⇒ Complete this statement: Based on the examples in Scripture we just studied, I believe God is asking me to _____. To fulfill that step, I will need to address _____ in my life, which holds me back from surrender and action.

PRAYER

Use the prayer focus list on the next page to pray for the family of God, and for our opportunities to share, serve, and surrender in the coming weeks.



PERSONAL GROWTH & NEXT STEPS

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEXT STEPS

Red Cedar Fest is September 7 and 8! Is God calling you to serve somewhere? Who can you invite?

- For a spirit of joy in RC Kids.
- For good weather for Red Cedar Fest
- For Pastor Adam, volunteers, and staff – that they may all have extra strength, energy, and joy through the prep and serving up to and during Red Cedar Fest.

Sign up this week for the **Sacred Marriage Group** meeting on Sundays in September. Sign up on the groups page:

www.redcedarchurch.com/groups

Looking to grow in your faith? Join us at **The River!** We'll explore how we can know God better, grow in character and community, and live like Jesus. Check out the one-day and 3-week options starting in September.

www.redcedarchurch.com

Parenting Through the Phases is coming back again in October! Sign up at the Full Life desk at church, or get more info at:

www.redcedarchurch.com/parenting

Watch for **Financial Peace University** coming in October. More details to come soon!

PRAYER FOCUS

- Boldness as we invite people to Red Cedar Fest (at work, our neighbors, family, in the community)
- Pray for each first-time guest who will come. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be at work in their hearts and that they would come back again after visiting.
- Pray for next steps to be taken and followed through on.
- Pray for the people who will surrender their lives to Jesus.
- For a powerful Holy Spirit outpouring

GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS

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