



“A Movement Not a Moment: Being the Family of God” 8-21-16

There is nothing static about a family. It is always moving, growing and changing. This is why the image of “family” is a great description of the Church and a great picture of how the Church is A Movement, Not a Moment. This week we discover what Being the Family of God is all about.

Relevant Information (Large Group)

- What are one or two things you enjoy about your biological family?
- What was something that stood out to you in the teaching?
- Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2. How should we connect with each other?
- Of all the word pictures available to describe the Church, why did God select the family?
- Read 1 Timothy 5:3-8. According to this passage, how should we care for one another?
- Has anyone from God’s family negatively hurt you? How did you deal with that experience?
- Read Matthew 18:15-20. What insights does this passage have about dealing with conflict in God’s family?
- Rick mentioned that “We are not just believers but belongers.” What did he mean by that statement?
- What are one or two things you enjoy about your spiritual family?
- How has someone from God’s family been a source of encouragement to you in the past or present?
- In what ways does a proper understanding of God’s family help the church grow?

Gracious Obedience “Application” (Smaller Groups 2-6 people)

- Think of one person from God’s family that has specifically encouraged you recently. Once you have that person in mind, contact them this week and thank them for what they did for you.

Walking Together (Smaller Groups 2-6 people)

- Choose at least person in your group and share a personal prayer request with them. Then listen to a prayer request they have. Commit to praying for each other this week.

Outreach (Large Group)

- Identify one person in your life who you feel needs to experience God’s love. Share that name with your group. If given the opportunity this week, show God’s love to them.

(REVIEW AND WRITE DOWN ANY COMMITMENTS OR ASSIGNMENTS FROM YOUR GROUP THIS WEEK)