

GAME PLAN MS

I AM PART OF A FAMILY

SERIES: GOD IS FATHER - I AM PART OF THE FAMILY

The previous series “God is Father – I am Adopted” worked through a theology of family, created by God, used for His purposes, broken by sin, and renewed through Jesus’ saving work on the cross to redeem His people—His family.

This series continues looking at God as Father, but seeks to look practically at the family that we are adopted into as Jesus followers: the church. Through this practical series, students will grow in their understanding of what it looks like to be a faithful member of a local church.

Romans 8:14-17- *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

GUIDES:

- Guide 9 of this series is an intro, seeking to set the foundation that God’s people, the church, is not just a group with shared interests or affinity. The church is a family, with unique privileges and responsibilities.
- Guides 10-18 of this series each unpack an aspect of the church. Some of these are directional, impacting how we live as part of God’s family. Others are practical, explaining different things that are true of a faithful, local church.

TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THIS SERIES:

Family discipleship is a partnership between the church and the home. Use this series to consider how you can grow in your part of this partnership.

Tips for the church:

- Consider specific ways that you can encourage students and their families to get involved with the whole body, beyond only the student ministry or their friend groups.

Tips for the home:

Consider as a family your involvement with your local church.

- Are you committed to gathering weekly? Are you fully engaged in the gathering, or do you tend to arrive late, leave early, and be distracted while you’re there?
- Are you invested in relationships with both leaders who can help you grow in Christlikeness and with brothers and sisters whom you can help grow?
- Are you giving sacrificially?
- How can you grow in your pursuit of seeing and treating your local body of believers as family?

GAME PLAN PAGE

The Game Plan page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each guide interacts within its series.

This page provides an overview of the series, how the individual guides work together to make up a holistic series, and practical tips to make the most of this teaching series in your church or home.



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