

# THIS IS US

Life As a Blended Family

Matthew 13:53-58



# FISHHAWK

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

*Better Together*

## MEMBER'S GUIDE

### GETTING STARTED

Let's do life together!/Opening Discussion: How was everyone's week? Has your LIFEgroup made plans to meet during the summer or maybe serve together? Does anyone feel led to multiply your group and become a LIFEgroup Leader?

Our Subject Today: We are going to talk about blended families and the fact that we all are in a blended families. Most of all, blended into the family of God.

### VIDEO NOTES/QUESTIONS

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

**Read Matthew 13:53-58**

1) It is encouraging to see in these Scriptures that Jesus was from a blended family and was questioned because of his background. Take a moment as each member shares about their background and if you are from or in a blended family. Why did Jesus' family background make any difference?

**Read Romans 8:1**

2) Why do we carry past pain or sin when the promise in this verse is given to us? Discuss this statement - "Strong families are built on a strong relationship with Jesus".

**Read Exodus 14:11-13**

3) Why did the Israelites want to go back to Egypt? Why do we desire to go back to something in our past that is not good for us and not trust God for the present? How does this relate to having a crockpot life? Why does unforgiveness connect us to the past and affect our lives today?

**Read Matthew 19:5**

4) Why is it so important to put your marriage first above all other relationships (other than Jesus)? How does that make you a strong family?

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS (cont.)****Read Matthew 22:37**

5) Relationships with others take time. How long does it take to build a relationship with God? What does it mean for you to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

**Read Romans 8:15-16**

6) Put into words what it means to you personally to be adopted into the blended family of God and to be called a child of God. Do you ever have difficulty getting along with members in the family of God? Discuss this statement: *Evangelism is a blender and Discipleship is crockpot.*

**SUMMARY (My Take-Away for This Week)****WORK OUT (This Week's Assignments)**

- Encourage each other who are in a blended family ~ meet for coffee or a meal and discuss your challenges
- Plan for your LIFEgroup to get together during the summer for a party, to have fun, or for serving together. Keep your community together and strong!
- Who will multiply? One sign of a healthy/successful LIFEgroup is a group that multiples by sending someone out to start a group (If you are interested, contact Pastor Bob or stop by the LIFEgroup Center in the Worship Center lobby).
- Interested in joining FFC? - Attend DiscoverFFC on Sat. June 9 at 6:15 pm or Sun. June 10 at 11:15 am (sign up at our website - <http://www.fishhawkfc.org/discoverffc/>)

**MY NEXT STEPS FROM THE WEEKEND WORSHIP**

1. Today, I will look into the resources listed in the Worship Guide to get more information about how I can move forward in my life/relationships.
2. This week, I will pray for all families and marriages, but especially the stepfamilies within our church and within my circle of influence.
3. Today, I will cut the cord of unforgiveness from past sins and resentments
4. This week, I will connect with a pastor and talk about making sure I am a member of the blended family of God.

**HOW MY GROUP CAN PRAY FOR ME THIS WEEK**