

Non-Traditional Family

Summer at The Bayou

June 28, 2026

Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the word “family” what is the first word or image that comes to mind? Is this notion something from your own experience, something you would like to experience, or something else?
2. Pastor Joe said, “Every family is broken. Some family brokenness is simply more visible than others.” How does acknowledging this truth adjust the filter through which we view our own family struggles and the struggles of others?
3. Read Matthew 13:57 aloud. Have you ever felt misunderstood, dismissed, or unsupported by family? How did it affect you? What would it look like in your daily life to remain faithful to Jesus when validation from your family is missing?
4. In Matthew 18:21-22 Jesus challenges believers to forgive at a capacity beyond our comfort. (Read it out loud!) What factors make forgiveness especially difficult in family relationships? Name some ways we can show grace without pretending the hurt didn’t happen.
5. The message emphasized that Jesus is our Savior, not our fixer. What is the difference between asking Jesus to “fix” our family versus trusting Him to walk with us through the brokenness?
6. Read Galatians 4:4-7. How does it change the way you see your story to know that God has chosen you and welcomes you into His family—especially in the places where your earthly family may have hurt or disappointed you?
7. What is one step of faithfulness Jesus may be inviting you into this week in your family dynamics? It may be forgiveness, a healthy boundary, prayer, choosing grace, remembering your identity in Christ, or something else!