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Discussion Guide “What We Value” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter Every family has its own unique culture—the traditions, habits, and unwritten rules that shape how they interact. Think about the culture you grew up in or the culture in your home today. What’s one unwritten rule, tradition, or habit that defined your family growing up, and how has it shaped who you are today?

Sermon Summary

What we value shapes who we are and the culture we create. In the conclusion of the *This Is Us* series, Pastor Daniel explores our church’s five core values—**loving God, loving people, choosing joy, living generously, and pursuing excellence**—and challenges us to put them into practice every day so our lives reflect Christ and point others to Him.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Daniel 6:1–3](#)

[Habakkuk 3:17–18](#)

[Matthew 5:27–28](#)

[Acts 1:8](#)

[Matthew 22:37–39](#)

[1 Corinthians 10:31](#)

[Matthew 6:21](#)

[Ephesians 4:29](#)

[Luke 10:25–37](#)

[Exodus 20:1–17](#)

[Matthew 28:19–20](#)

[Galatians 5:22–23](#)

[Matthew 10:7–8](#)

[Psalms 47:1](#)

[Mark 10:45](#)

[Colossians 3:23–24](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. What does it look like to put God first in your everyday life, especially when your schedule and responsibilities compete for your attention?
2. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors with honor, dignity, and Christlike care. What makes it challenging to show genuine love and honor to people who think differently from you or who are difficult to get along with?

3. The sermon described joy as a choice rooted in God rather than our circumstances. How have you experienced God's joy during a difficult season, and what helps you maintain that perspective?
4. Generosity involves more than money; it includes how we use our time, talents, and resources. What are some practical ways you can live more generously in your everyday life?
5. Pastor Daniel challenged us to pursue excellence by continually growing and giving our best to God. Which of the five values do you most want to strengthen in your life, and what would that look like this week?

Go Deeper

1. Study [Acts 4:32–35](#) (the early Church shares generously). What can we learn from the early Church about building a community where generosity and caring for others become a natural way of life?
2. Study [Genesis 39:1–23](#) (Joseph chooses faithfulness in difficult circumstances). How can Joseph's example encourage us to remain faithful to our values when our circumstances are unfair or difficult?
3. Study [John 13:1–17](#) (the goodness of a servant's heart). What attitudes or habits might we need to change to become more willing to serve others with humility?

Apply

1. Make loving God a daily priority. Set aside intentional time this week to pray, worship, and read Scripture, even when your schedule is busy.
2. Show honor in an ordinary interaction. Choose one person you encounter this week—a coworker, family member, neighbor, or service worker—and intentionally treat them with dignity, kindness, and respect.
3. Live generously and pursue excellence. Identify one way to give your time, use your talents, or share your resources to serve someone else. At the same time, choose one responsibility you can approach with greater intentionality and give your best effort as an act of worship.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to strengthen your devotion to Him and help you prioritize His presence, prayer, worship, and Word in your daily life. The Holy Spirit will help you.
2. Pray for the ability to treat every person with honor, dignity, humility, and Christlike care, including those who are difficult to understand or love.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate gratitude, hope, and a life-giving attitude in you, especially during challenging seasons.
4. Pray for open hands, a willing heart to serve beyond yourself.

Leadership Tip

Help everyone move from values to action. Encourage group members to identify which of the five values they most need to strengthen rather than feeling pressured to improve everything at once. Invite each person to name one specific action they can take this week to live out that value. Keep the conversation grace-filled, reminding everyone that real spiritual growth comes from God, it's a lifelong process, and the goal is to become more like Christ, not to achieve perfection.