



StoneWater Group Curriculum - 7 Family Values

Week 1 – Introduction: Building StoneWater Family Culture

Goal: Introduce the “church family” culture and overview the seven Family Values.

Scripture: Romans 12:9-13; Ephesians 4:1-3

Teaching Points:

- These 7 Family Values were birthed out of a desire to define the *culture* of our church—not just what we believe, but how we live as a church family.
- Our staff and leaders use these values for hiring, evaluation, discipleship, conflict resolution, and personal accountability.
- The first four values deal with how we relate to one another *within* the church family.
- The last three values speak to how we engage the *larger* church—through ministry, generosity, and leadership.

Discussion:

- What does “family” mean in your ideal church context?
- Why might values alone not be enough—why do we need a *culture* built on them?
- Which of the seven values resonates most—and why?

Action Step: Pick one value to focus on this week and journal personal experiences related to it.



Week 2 – Value 1: Put the goals and interests of others above my own

Goal: Explore selflessness as Jesus modeled.

Scripture: Philippians 2:3-4; John 13:4-5

Teaching Points:

- Sounds simple but is difficult because of selfishness.
- Idols (comfort, control, image, approval, etc.) often get in the way of us putting others first.
- We humble ourselves and serve like Christ.

Discussion:

- What idols compete for your heart and attention when you're called to serve others?
- How can humility reshape daily interactions?

Action Step: Do one act of service this week without seeking recognition.

Week 3 – Value 2: Live an open and honest life before others

Goal: Embrace vulnerability within community.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25; 1 John 1:7

Teaching Points:

- There are no secrets at StoneWater Church.
- God can't heal what you won't reveal.
- But: honesty doesn't mean oversharing. Use wisdom. We don't share everything with everyone.
- Discern when to hold something in confidence and when to widen the circle (Matthew 18 principles apply).

Discussion:

- What “masks” are common in church life?
- How can transparency help us grow?
- When is it wise to share something, and when should it be kept between a few?

Action Step: Share a real need or struggle with someone in your group this week.

Week 4 – Value 3: Give & receive scriptural correction

Goal: Develop humility and openness to loving correction.

Scripture: Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

Teaching Points:

- No one enjoys being told they are wrong. Is our fear more about *them*, or *us*?
- We all have blind spots.
- Correction should be scriptural, gentle, and loving.
- Trust is the foundation for both giving and receiving correction.

Discussion:

- Why is correction hard to give or receive?
- What fears rise up in you when offering feedback?
- How do we ensure correction is actually helpful and not hurtful?

Action Step: Ask someone you trust if there's an area of your life where they see something you don't.

Week 5 – Value 4: Clear up relationships

Goal: Practice reconciliation as a pathway to unity.

Scripture: Matthew 5:23-24; Colossians 3:13

Teaching Points:

- Every family has conflict—church families are no different.
- Most conflict comes from misunderstanding, but some from sin.
- Not every attempt at reconciliation will be received. You are only responsible for your side (Romans 12:18).

Discussion:

- Describe a time reconciliation strengthened a relationship.
- What do you do when someone doesn't want to clear things up?
- What's the difference between clearing up and covering up?

Action Step: Take a brave step—reach out to someone with whom you've had tension or misunderstanding.

Week 6 – Value 5: Participate in ministry

Goal: Encourage everyone to find their “sweet spot” in serving.

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:16

Teaching Points:

- We’re not a sit-and-soak church—we’re a go-and-do church.
- God wired you with unique gifts, experiences, and passions.
- You don’t have to serve *in* the church walls. Ministry happens in neighborhoods, sports fields, schools, and homes.
- But you’re also part of a body—don’t leave your seat empty at the table.

Discussion:

- Where do you feel most alive when you serve?
- What’s keeping you from jumping in?
- How can you serve *in* the church? How about *outside*?

Action Step: Try a new serving role this week—or take a step toward finding your ministry fit.

Week 7 – Value 6: Support the work financially

Goal: Explore biblical generosity and stewardship.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Teaching Points:

- We believe and teach the principle of biblical tithing—giving the first 10% to God.
- This isn't about obligation, it's about worship and trust.
- At StoneWater, 10% of what's given goes to missions, church planting, and benevolence—including the Help Ministry, which directly serves people in crisis.
- Giving isn't about what the church wants *from* you—but what God wants *for* you.

Discussion:

- What does generosity look like in your life right now?
- How does financial giving shape your trust in God?
- Have you experienced joy in giving?

Action Step: Look at your giving. Pray over how it aligns with your trust in God and consider one step of growth.

Week 8 – Value 7 & Wrap-Up: Follow spiritual leadership with scriptural limits

Goal: Understand godly submission and trust in leadership.

Scripture: Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5-7

Teaching Points:

- God places leaders in our lives as part of His design.
- This isn't blind obedience—it's thoughtful trust.
- Leaders are to shepherd, not dominate (1 Peter 5).
- If a leader violates Scripture, speak up. Always obey God first.

Discussion:

- What makes submitting to leadership hard?
- How can followers and leaders build mutual trust and health?
- What's one way you can encourage a leader this week?

Action Step: Pray for your church leaders. Encourage them with a text, note, or kind word.

Tips for Group Leaders

- Begin each week with a personal story that illustrates the week's value.
- Encourage honesty and grace. You set the tone.
- Use the PDF of the 7 Family Values as a guide for reference and prayer.
- End each session by reminding the group: "We're not just learning values—we're living them."