

HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH PARTICIPANT STUDY GUIDE



SESSION 1: WHY HOUSEHOLDS MATTER

3 Biblical Themes Related to Households

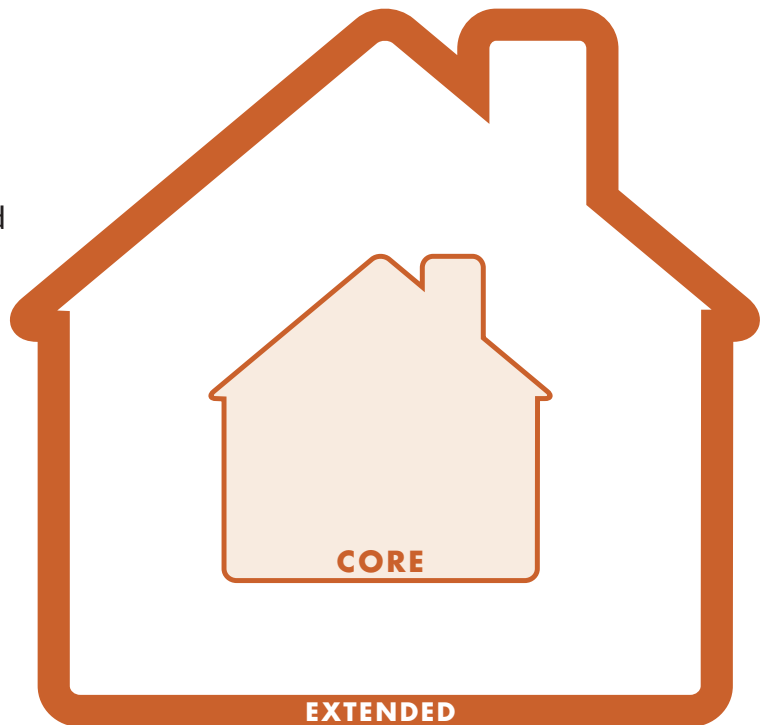
Reflect on these biblical themes from the presentation: (1) God sees households; (2) Households often rise and fall together; (3) God works through households. Which theme is most surprising to you? What questions do these themes raise for you? Which have you seen the most evidence of in your own household?

Old and New Testament Households

Now that you've seen a bit of what the Old and New Testaments have to say about households, discuss how your perception of a "household" has shifted.

Mapping My Household

Create your own "household map." In the inner house image, list who is in your core household. Then use the larger, outer house image to reflect on who is in your extended household—those people who are connected to your core household in a meaningful way.



When complete, compare household maps with one another, and discuss answers to these questions:

- **What are the similarities?**
- **What are the differences?**
- **How did this exercise help you to view your household in a more biblical way?**

Now that you have mapped your whole household, consider the three biblical themes in this new light:

1. God sees households: *Given the strengths and weaknesses of your household, how might God want to grow your household?*

2. Households often rise and fall together: *How would you characterize your own influence on those in your household?*

3. God works through households: *How might God want to use your household for His kingdom purposes?*
