

# You Are Here

## Session One, The Family Project

### Introduction

[www.familyproject.com](http://www.familyproject.com)

“Irreplaceable” movie (2014)

### Video (30 min.)

What is family? If there is a design, what are the implications of following it? Ignoring it?

We long to belong to something \_\_\_\_\_ than ourselves.

The BIG questions that we can't avoid

What was the French artist Paul Gauguin looking for in Tahiti?

What did Gauguin's painting say about these questions?

*Where do we come from?*

*What are we?*

*Where are we going?*

What do I yearn for? Where do I belong? How do I fit in?

Without exception, we are designed for relationship.

Our deepest longing is to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do we need a “sense of industry” (Erik Erikson)?

Three things that define us (anthropology, not theology):

1) Land—

We have a connection to place.

2) Culture—

Is there such a thing as good and bad culture? Why or why not?

3) Family—

Family does not allow us to remain \_\_\_\_\_.

Family is where life makes up its \_\_\_\_\_.

The solution to a “denarrated culture” is a story big enough to \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ for.

### **Scripture**

Genesis 2:7-8, 15, 19-20

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

### **What Do You Think?**

1. According to Genesis, how did God give mankind a place of significance right from the beginning of time? Despite this role, what was missing?
2. What would it be like to grow up without love and acceptance? Can you tell us about someone you know who had that experience? What happens to us when we don't feel we belong to anyone?
3. Why do we all need to feel significant? What are some things you've observed people doing to achieve that? How do you strive to be important?
4. What does the fact that God gave us these needs for belonging and significance tell us about Him? About ourselves?
5. Does being in a family help you feel significant? If so, how? Tell us about a time when you or your family did something that helped a member feel a reason sense of belonging and significance.

### **One Step I Can Take**

Think of and write down at least one practical thing you can do tomorrow as a result of today's session.

### **Takeaway**

Today we reflected on the fact that each derive our identity from whatever purpose shapes our life and the community or family of which we're a part. Understanding God's design of the family is vital to our becoming good people, whether we are spouses, parents or children. Thus equipped, a strong family can be used by God to strengthen the church and be a powerful witness in the world.