



STUDY GUIDE: May 10, 2026

Message Series: Mother's Day
Message Title: Family Matters
Teaching Pastor: Angie Frame

Warm-up / Icebreaker (10 min.)

Would you rather receive encouragement through words, quality time, acts of service, or simply knowing someone is there for you? Why?

Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together today. Thank You for the gift of family, friendship, and the church community that reminds us we are never alone. As we spend time in Your Word and in conversation together, help us to listen with compassion, speak with honesty, and grow in grace toward ourselves and others. Remind us today that Your love meets us in both our joys and our struggles. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Get Started (30 min.):

Today's message reminded us that *"Mother's Day can hold both joy and pain. Moms matter deeply, but moms are also human and imperfect."* -Pastor Angie Frame

Read Luke 1:26–33.

Mary receives an incredible calling from God, but she was still an ordinary person chosen for an extraordinary purpose.

"Motherhood is a big deal. Moms matter. For better or worse and everything in between, who our moms are—or aren't—is a big deal." -Pastor Angie Frame

- Why do you think relationships with mothers or mother figures impact us so deeply?
- What stands out to you about Mary's response to being chosen by God?

Read 2 Timothy 1:5.

Paul reminds Timothy that sincere faith was passed down through his family.

"We pass down all sorts of things in our family... We also have the opportunity to pass down our faith." -Pastor Angie Frame

- Who has had a positive spiritual influence on your life?
- What kind of legacy do you hope to leave for others?

Reflect and Commit (40 min.)

Read **Luke 2:45–48**.

Mary and Joseph lose track of Jesus, and Mary responds honestly with frustration and concern.

- Why is it sometimes difficult to accept grace for ourselves when we fail?
- How can unrealistic expectations create pressure in parenting or family relationships?

Read **2 Corinthians 12:9 & Colossians 3:12–14**.

- Why is forgiveness often hardest within family relationships?

Read **Matthew 12:46–50 & John 19:25–27**.

Jesus honors His earthly family while also expanding the definition of family to include the family of God.

“The church is a family. Not in a way that degrades blood-related family; actually, in a way that expands it.” - Pastor Angie Frame

- How have you experienced the church acting like family in your life?
- Where do you see opportunities for the church to “fill in the gaps” for people who feel alone or unsupported?
- What is one practical way you can be the family of God to someone this week?

Gather Prayer Requests (5–10 min.)

Share prayer needs and spend time praying for one another.

Father God, thank You for loving us through every season of life. Thank You for the people who have cared for us, encouraged us, and pointed us toward You, especially our mothers and mother figures. Help us extend grace where there is hurt, offer compassion where there is loneliness, and reflect Your love within our families and our church community. Teach us to be people who carry one another’s burdens and remind others they belong. In Jesus’ name, Amen.