

**Crazy Busy Lives & Families – Week 1 – 9-8-24 – Pastor Guy**

1. On a scale of 1-10 how busy would you say your life is?
2. What is the biggest influencer on how busy your life is?

***Ephesians 6:1-9 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup>“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. <sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. <sup>9</sup> And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.***

3. What stands out to you the most from these verses?
4. How did you honor your parents growing up?
5. How well do you honor them now?
6. Were you ever exasperated by your parent(s)?
7. How well did your parent(s) do in bringing you up in training and instruction in the Lord?
8. If you are a parent, how are you doing at teaching your children how to act and how to think?
9. How important is character to you?
10. How would you define character?
11. Pastor Guy said that “Relationship have friction. Character allows them to function smoothly”. What do you think this means?

***Matthew 16:26 - What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?***

12. In what ways might you be tempted to seek to ‘gain the world’?
13. Pastor Guy said that your soul is the “sum of your life”. How would you say that your soul is doing?

***Deuteronomy 6:6 - These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.***

14. Are God’s commandments on your heart today?
15. What would that look like for you?
16. How might you be able to talk about God, and what He wants for us, when you are at home, traveling, getting up and ending your day?
17. How are you growing in Christian character?
18. How are you influencing others (kids, family, friends, etc.) to grow in Christian character?
19. What’s one thing that you can do this week to grow in Christian character?
20. What’s one thing that you can do this week to help someone else grow in Christian character?