

Sermon for October 26/27, 2024  
"Family Rules" Pastor Aaron Buer



# SMALL GROUPS

Share Life | Pursue God | Invest In Others

## THREE THINGS TO KNOW

**DON'T MISS THIS.** Join other men from your campus for **MAN NIGHT** on Tuesday, October 29 at each of our campuses. Wear your favorite jersey, as we enjoy a tailgate spread of wings, chips, and queso. Our men's ministry pastors at each campus will bring an encouraging and compelling message tailored for you! Come connect with other guys from your campus and enjoy some good food and great company. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

**GROUP VALUES.** This October, we're focusing on **PRAYER**. Consider how prayer builds love and connection. Share an example of when praying for someone deepened your understanding or compassion for them. Discuss how your group can use prayer to strengthen your bonds and support one another more fully.

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## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the fourth week of our sermon series, **UNSHAKABLE**. This week, we discuss how following biblical church family rules helps create a church community that draws people to Jesus.

### ICEBREAKER

Think of people or a family (besides your own) that you love spending time with. What makes them special, and what about their family culture draws you in?

### THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read [1 Thessalonians 5:12-15](#) aloud.

How would you summarize Paul's main message in your own words?

What do you notice about the different relationships Paul describes in this passage?

What challenges or encouragements do you find in these verses?

## **THIS WEEK'S SERMON**

Pastor Aaron Buer continued our Unshakable sermon series by discussing "family rules" for a healthy church community. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas and main points.

In our consumer-driven culture, how do people typically approach church involvement?

What makes it challenging for us to move from being a consumer to a contributor in the church?

Who has been a good example of contributing relationally, serving with their gifts and giving generously to the church? What about their example inspires you?

On a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being a consumer and 10 being a contributor in the church, where do you think you fall and why? What is one step you could take to move to contribute more within the church family?

When have you experienced or witnessed healthy "admonishment" where a spiritual leader gently but clearly said, "This is not what God wants for you"? What made that correction effective?

How can we help each other be more humbly open to receiving healthy correction from our spiritual leaders—whether what we hear during weekend services or from one of our pastors, elders or ministry directors?

What makes it difficult to avoid "paying back wrong for wrong"? How can we practically pursue peace with each other in the church instead?

Pursuing peace includes being *for* each other through warning, encouraging and helping others within the church family. While we can't do this for everyone, we can all do this for someone. Who is God calling you to warn, encourage or help this season? What could that look like?

## **WRAP UP**

This week, we discussed how "family rules" help create a church community that draws people to Jesus. What practical step can you take this week to better live out these family rules within our church?