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BIG TRUTH: FAMILIES ARE BROKEN BY SIN

Genesis 37:4; Matthew 10:21; Luke 21:16

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 3:12; 4:9-10

“The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit of the tree, and I ate.’”

“Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?’ And the Lord said, ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.’”

BIG IDEAS

- Sin leads families to reject God’s provision.
- Sin fractures relationships with those we love.
- Sin causes us to see our family as a barrier to our joy.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 3:1-24; 4:1-12

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Family exists for God.
- Their heart was bought with a price.
- God is building His family through adoption.



Every student should feel...

- Broken over the ways that sin has fractured their family and the family of God.
- Hope that one day, their adoption as sons and daughters of God will be fully realized



Every student should strive to...

- Memorize Romans 8.
- Do one new thing each week to honor their parents or siblings.
- Find one new way to love and serve their church family.



Every student should want...

- To glorify God in their families.
- To see their family, and the church family, as gifts from God.
- To share the truth that Jesus made our adoption possible with someone

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider how our families are broken. We will pray for hearts that seek to please God in our families and we will practice putting the feelings of our family members above our own.

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Read and meditate on Genesis 3:1-24 and 4:1-12 this week.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How does our sin of selfishness lead us to rebel against our parents?
- How does our pride and self-focus cause arguments with our siblings?
- How can we find joy in our families?

Consider how you have mistakenly thought your family was a barrier to your joy.

- How can you change the way you view family?



Spend time praying with your family this week.

- As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to live with joy in your family. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to obey your parents and to love them.
- Spend time praying with your small group leader this week. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you live in peace and harmony with your family.



Write down a list of your family members.

- Next to each name write one thing you can do to serve them this week. Write down a way you can show love to them. Commit to do these things this week.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can have mistakenly thought your family was a barrier to your joy.