

BIG TRUTH: WE BELONG TO GOD'S FAMILY

John 10:28-29; Ephesians 2:4-5; 3:14-15; 1 Peter 2:10; Ephesians 3:6

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:37-39

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

BIG IDEAS

- More than conquerors, we are family.
- Nothing can separate us from the Father's love.
- God's children can walk in confident dependence.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 8:37-39

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 what it means to belong to God's family. We will pray for a heart that trusts in God's provision for us. We will practice walking in confident dependence upon Him.

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Read and meditate on Romans 8:37-39 this week.

As you meditate on these verses this week ask yourself some of these questions:

- What does dependence upon God look like in your daily life? How can you acknowledge your need for God daily?

Ponder what it means to humble yourself before God this week. How can you practice a daily humbling of yourself to acknowledge your need for God?



Set aside time to pray this week.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify the ways you do not acknowledge your dependence upon God.
- Pray with your parents this week. As you pray together ask the Holy Spirit to help you humble yourself before God.



Write out a definition of dependence and jot down several ideas or thoughts that you've had about dependence.

- Next, write down some of the world's ideas about dependence. Identify the wrong ideas you've had and commit to replace those with humility.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can practically walk in confident dependence upon God this week.