



RELATIONSHIP SERIES

family

This discussion guide is meant to provide group leaders with a framework to lead a gospel-centered discussion based off the verses provided. This should be used to guide conversation and push the students closer to the Scriptures.

Week 2 OVERVIEW: Family Uncovered

Series Summary: We are created and designed to be in relation with the people around us. While you can choose your friends, you cannot choose your family. God has uniquely placed each one of us in a family and last week we talked about what it looks like to honor our parents. While family is a blessing from God, we know that every family is broken. No matter how ‘perfect’ a family may look from the outside, every family has their own set of issues. We recognize that there is a lot of hurt and pain woven into every family unit and as people who love Jesus, we want to look to the Bible for help and instruction in how to honor God even in the midst of that pain.

Main Idea: Over the course of a lifetime, the people in our families are the people we see the most and know the deepest. We each have a responsibility as a son or daughter to honor God and each other, but parents also have a responsibility to follow God and raise their children in a way that is pleasing to Him.

Key Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14, Matthew 5:14-16, Psalm 68:5, Ephesians 1:3-5, 1 John 3:1-3

DISCUSSION

Getting Started

- What roles has God given you in your family?
- In general, what are different ways that the family unit has been broken in our world today?

***Pro tip:** honoring a person has a lot to do with the attitude of your heart towards that person.

Digging Deeper

- Read Colossians 3:12-14. What kind of characteristics should we have as people who are God’s chosen ones?
 - Why should we forgive one another?
 - Forgiveness is not immediate but write down one thing that you need to forgive someone in your family for as a reminder to keep going to God in prayer about.
- What does it look like to honor your parents if they are not followers of Jesus?
- Read Matthew 5:14-16. What could it look like to be a light in our own home?
- Adoption: Read Ephesians 1:3-5 and 1 John 3:1-3. Discuss the **incredible** picture of adoption as it compares to God’s love and acceptance of us as children of God.