

MESSAGE GROUPS - BIBLICAL VIEW ON FAMILY - MAY 5

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Because of Jesus, we are transforming families. We can take our everyday arguments and stress of family to God because he created it. Taking a biblical approach to what He intended it to be will help bring families out of darkness and into light. When we understand God's design for family, then we can go into our communities and transform lives.

ICEBREAKER:

How would you define "family"? What is one of your favorite ways to spend time with your family?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Genesis 1 is the foundation of family. **Genesis 1:1** says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." He is our creator and the center of everything we do.

- **Q:** *What do you think it looks like to be a part of a family that is centered on God?*

Read **Genesis 1:3-5** aloud. These verses are an example of 3 truths: God speaks powerfully to bring light into darkness, His perfect creation doesn't need an upgrade, and His authority has created everything exactly as He intended to be.

- **Q:** *How do these truths give you confidence about God's plan for your family?*
- **Q:** *Part of His perfect design and authority means we are created male and female, made in His image, and stewards of His creation. Why do you think God is so specific with His design of who we are? How does that prepare you for your role in family?*

Read **Genesis 3:6-13** aloud. Genesis 3 is the fall of family. Satan tempted Eve and wanted to redefine the foundation God created. He wanted to strip God from their center and have them create their own identity.

- **Q:** *Adam and Eve were deceived, and God was taken from the center of their lives. In a world full of so many distractions that can take our attention off God, how can we intentionally fight to keep Him at the center of our lives and families?*

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Our role in leading families to God is to be the light - we lead best by example when we demonstrate love and a life centered on Christ to those around us. Who are the families in your circle of influence that you want to impact?

Q: *Identify ways that we can be a positive light to families around us that need a life centered on Jesus.*

Leaders: *Remind your group of Mother's Day next weekend. How are they celebrating the moms in their life?*