



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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BOTTOM LINE

Focus on fixing you.

SCRIPTURE

You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator (Colossians 3:7-10 NIV).

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity (Colossians 3:12-14 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that they have the power to affect the mood in their household.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—at this phase, your students may not realize how their mood affects the climate of their home. Try sharing a story of how your actions as a kid affected the mood of your home.

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's the climate like when your family is together? (*tense, peaceful, stormy, cold, cheerful*)
2. Who in your family **most** affects the temperature and climate of your home?
3. What kind of temperature and climate do YOU bring into your home?
4. Read Colossians 3:7-10. What's the #1 thing you need to "get rid of" when it comes to the way you approach your family?
5. Read Colossians 3:12-14. What's the #1 thing you need to "put on" when it comes to the way you approach your family?
6. Define the word *compassion*. How would your family look different if you responded with genuine compassion?
7. If you decided to take control of the climate in your family, what would you start doing? What would you stop doing?

TRY THIS

Leaders—text your students one day this week and ask them what the climate of their family is that day.



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Reality Show / Week 2

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BOTTOM LINE

Family is forever.

SCRIPTURE

As [Jacob] approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept (Genesis 33:3b-4 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see their family with a long-term perspective instead of a limited perspective.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—remind your students that although family is forever, dysfunction doesn't have to have the last word. Their families can get better over time.

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does it feel like high school graduation equals an escape from your family? Why is that a false assumption?
2. How have you treated your family members like your relationships with them are temporary? (*Tune them out more, say hurtful things, lose your tempter*)
3. Even though Jacob and Esau eventually reconnected, they missed out on a lot of each other's lives. What could you miss out on if you allow family relationships to stay broken for a long time?
4. What do you want your forever reality with your family to look like?
5. Based on the future you want to have with your family, what's one way you need to change the way you treat your family? What's one step you need to take to make that happen?
6. What's one way you can remind yourself to make the change you mentioned in the previous question?

TRY THIS

Leaders—remind your students to complete this week's XP when they get home. And remind your students that you're available to text or talk if they need to.

