



Session 3

Big Idea:

Our families give us brokenness and blessing.

GROUP OPENER

Share a trait you admired from someone in your family of origin. Why is this something you admire and how did you see it play out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Exodus 34:1-28 Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

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WEEKEND

As a Group

Have someone read Genesis 12:1-4.

This is the first see God speak to Abram who would become Abraham the father of the Jewish nation. Then later in Galatians we read this.

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." He redeemed us so that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Paul links the original blessing that all people on earth will be blessed through Abraham's line and extends it to those outside the Jewish heritage. In Romans, Paul expands on this idea and says we are children of God. That adoption by God gives us a new standing, a new inheritance, and a new Father.

For those that are comfortable share some insights they have about their father.

We were reminded that we can leave a generational blessing despite our past. We know that God is not a reflection of an earthly father but a perfect father in heaven.

Discuss some goals you want to bless your family. The personal reflection below may be helpful.

On Your Own

The brokenness I was given was ———but by the power of Jesus ———
I want to bring....

Maybe your parents were workaholics/absent parents and because of that you want to be presence - refuse the things of the world that will pull you away from time with your kids.

Maybe your parents were alcoholics and in light of that you want to make sure you....

Maybe there was explosive anger in your home and you want to bring the blessing of patience, kindness

....pride and you want to bring

...abuse and trauma and you want to bring

...lying and you want to bring

...loss and you want to bring

...mental illness and you want to bring

....sexual sin and you want to bring

...favoritism and you want to bring

...violence and you want to bring

...unbelief and you want to bring