

Home Group Leader's Notes
Week of January 26, 2020

From your experience
What part of your family tree is messy?

NOTES TO LEADERS: I can think of few families who don't have some form messiness. For my own, we went through years of struggles in marriages, self-identity, etc. Be sure to also share how God worked in your family tree.

Learn from the Bible

This week's core value is "God loves your family and so do we." Read one of the following stories and answer the questions: Read about Ruth in the Book of Ruth, or, Joseph in Genesis 37-50.

NOTES TO LEADERS: In both of these stories, we see that there were many obstacles and painful experiences as God brought about redemption and transformation. Perhaps take the time to read one of these stories together and discuss how God worked in and through these families. This could lead you sharing something of your own experiences and how God has worked in you.

How did God bring about a story of redemption and transformation?

How was it in His timing?

How was it in His way?

How was it for His purposes?

Read Romans 8:28.

What is the promise? To whom?

NOTES TO LEADERS:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

The promise is that God "works for the good." This is something that God supernaturally oversees to ensure that the results are good. (e.g. Genesis 50:20) To whom is "those who love him" and are living for his purpose. There is often a misunderstood and misquoted verse. It does not mean that God's people will not experience pain or failure. Rather, it means that God is always working and bringing about good in our lives, even though we may suffer. (See Romans 8:18)

How has God shown faithful love to you and your 'family?'

NOTES TO LEADERS: Our core value states what the Bible repeatedly states and demonstrates – that God loves us, without limit or end, and that this flows from His character, His being. The purpose of the above question is to reflect on His faithful love which should lead us to honor and praise Him.

Discuss Together

How do you see God working in your family? In the past? Now? In your Family Tree?

What will it require of us to live out this Core Value? How is this possible?

Life Rhythm

God loves people through His people. To whom could you show His love this week?

NOTES TO LEADERS: Each week we are going to focus on a core value and a life rhythm that goes with it. This week is about reflecting God's love. The question is about "to whom." How we reflect His love is in the above question.

**Love you,
Steve**