



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Reality Show / Week 1

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BOTTOM LINE

God can use a fractured family.

SCRIPTURE

It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau (Hebrews 11:20 NLT).

"Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die" (Genesis 27:4 NIV).

Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing." His mother said to him, "My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me" (Genesis 27:11-13 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see that every family is broken, but God can use your family anyway.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—it can be tempting to commiserate with your students when they share about their family dysfunction. In those moments, honor the parents; if you're not on the parents' side, you're not on the students' side.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could trade families with any celebrity or TV show family, what family would it be?
2. What are you and your family members most likely to fight about?
3. What's one thing you wish was different about your family?
4. Every family in the Bible is fractured in some way. How does knowing that no family in the Bible is perfect help you view your family's dysfunction?
5. If you believed the best about your family, what's one thing you'd do differently?
6. What's one way you can show your family that you haven't checked out and haven't given up on them?
7. If you were to thank God for one thing about your family, what would it be?

TRY THIS

Leaders—try encouraging your students to text one encouraging thing to one person in their family this week.