



Opening Ice Breaker question:

What is your family position, favorite child, least favorite? How has that impacted your life?

Big Idea #1 – We can act correctly even in bad situations

1. The Bible is full of dysfunctional families. Despite our dysfunction, we are to act correctly, even in bad situations. Share some examples from Scripture of those who did the right thing despite their family circumstances. For example, Jonathan's attitude toward David despite his father Saul and David's subsequent caring for Mephibosheth, Jonathan's crippled son – I Samuel 20, II Samuel 21)
2. Share a situation in which you did not act correctly and the result was a fractured or stressed relationship. What actions will you take to mend it or how has it already been reconciled?
3. On the flip side, share a situation when someone did not act correctly towards you. Are you holding a grudge against that person or do you have a bitter spirit toward them? Read Colossians 3:12-13. Are you willing to surrender "your rights" and forgive them?

Big Idea #2 – Family may forget what we say but will never forget what we do.

1. Identify important legacies you are aware of in your family history
2. Read Matthew 10:42. Even doing the most seemingly insignificant act for someone will be rewarded. Think of an act someone in your family did that has affected successive generations. What act will you do for your family that will result in a godly legacy?
3. Do you have unsaved family members that you have "preached to", but to whom you have not shown Jesus' love? Think of something you can do for them and give yourself a deadline in which to carry it out.
4. Share a time when you were the recipient of a family member's kind action that impacted your walk with the Lord. Have you ever thanked them for it? Think of the ten lepers Jesus healed and only one came back to say thank you (Luke 17:17-18).