

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

When it comes to your faith, and your family, love matters most.

SCRIPTURE

John 13:35 +
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that following Jesus' command to love others as ourselves includes their family.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Students have all kinds of reasons to believe their family situation is temporary—whether that's because they will be leaving home soon, or their family is fractured so it's not worth the time or effort, or because they are living with relatives or a foster family and it is impermanent. We want students to realize that however long they are in the current family situation, learning to love their family right now, matters.

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- Give everyone a minute to pull up a meme that describes their family. Share your memes and why you chose them.

THE WORD

- READ John 13:35. Why is love so important?
- What can make loving our families so complicated?
- Is it easy or difficult for you to live out your faith in your family?
- Quarantine effected our lives with our families. If you could rewrite that experience, what would you do differently?
- READ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Which one or two of these aspects of love would benefit your family most for you to focus on?

APPLICATION

- As a group, brainstorm some ideas for how we can each love our families this week.

COMMUNITY BUILD

- Encourage your group to follow up with one another in your group chat to love your families even when it's challenging.

(Pro Tip - if you don't have a group chat, start one! Group Me is a good app to use)

- The holidays are coming! Start brainstorming how your group can celebrate the holidays together: Friendsgiving? Christmas cookie decorating (and/or eating) contest? Etc?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

JOHN 13:35 NIV

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 NIV

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

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