

## LEADER PREP

## MAIN POINT

Your family matters even though it's fractured.

## SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:20 +

Proverbs 3:5-6

(For reference, Genesis 25 is the Jacob/Esau's birthright incident & Jacob stealing Esau's blessing is Genesis 27)

## THINK ABOUT THIS

Talking about the brokenness in our families is a heavy topic. **Remind students that small group needs to be a safe space to talk about some of our most difficult family issues.** So have them promise confidentiality.

Also, your group may not be ready to go as deep as quickly. Don't force it. Also, be aware that for some students, hearing talk about how fractured all families are, could be more anxiety producing. Pay attention to physical and social cues your students are sending that could signal discomfort or anxiety.

*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.
- What are different "family dysfunctions" or fractures in Jacob & Esau's family?

## THE WORD

- READ Hebrews 11:20.
- Jacob & Esau probably would be surprised to learn they were such a big part of God's story. What does this show us about God?
- God redeems what is broken. What does that mean to you?
- READ Proverbs 3:5-6. We may not always understand things that happen in our families, but what promise does God give us if we trust in Him and submit to His ways?
- What hope does trusting God offer for our families?

## APPLICATION

- How can we hold to God's promises when we face brokenness in our families?
- Remember HSM is a place to be real. I won't ask details unless you want to share, but raise your hands if you've been hurt by some brokenness in their family? (\*Pause\*) Look around, you are not alone - we are in this together. And more importantly, God is with us too.

## COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we, as a group, support and love each other when we navigate family issues?
- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

## PRAY

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

### **HEBREWS 11:20 NIV**

"By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future."

*For reference, Jacob conning Esau of his birthright is Genesis 25  
and Jacob stealing Esau's blessing is Genesis 27.*

### **PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart

and lean not on your own understanding;

in all your ways submit to Him,

and He will make your paths straight"

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### **NOTES**