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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 1, 2024 | *The Most Dysfunctional Family Ever (Week 1)*

Memory Verse *Psalm 130:5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.*



CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) What is one of your favorite holiday traditions?
- 2) If you enjoy playing games, what is one of your current or all-time favorites?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **Genesis 18:18-19** together. What promises did God make to Abraham here? What responsibility did Abraham have?
- 3) Why did God establish the family from the beginning of creation?
- 4) Why do you think there is a decline in marriage or desire to start families in our culture?
- 5) When have you witnessed an example of God's character in a marriage or family?
- 6) Share a characteristic of a healthy family. Share a characteristic of an unhealthy family.
- 7) Read **Genesis 21:8-20** together. How does God display his ability to redeem broken families in this passage?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ Ezekiel 37:1-14 together.

- 1) What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
- 2) Who is this vision referring to in this passage?
- 3) What is the message that God was giving Ezekiel regarding the nation of Israel?
- 4) What does this passage tell you about God?
- 5) How is hope realized when God is present?
- 6) Share about a family relationship that has seen transformation or one that you are hoping for transformation in.
- 7) Read **Isaiah 60:18-20** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
- 8) What role do salvation and praise (v18) play in the process of restoring what was broken?
- 9) Does God's presence truly dispel the darkness of brokenness, pain and sorrow? How so?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) Write down the names of people in your family with whom you've experienced brokenness or pain. Pray for God to help you forgive (if you haven't already) and for wisdom in how best to proceed toward healing/restoration in that relationship.
- 2) Thank God for adopting you into his family.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take time to pray for each other.