



April 19th
"Legacy"
"Want A Family?"

Big Idea: The Family is Where God Works.

Legacy Definition: "Anything that is handed down from the past to a predecessor." All of us have a desire to leave our family a good legacy. This series will challenge us to consider how we can leave a legacy of loving and serving Jesus and others. As we get older we will fight the desire to live in our own self-absorbed world. Looking to our needs and not to the needs of others. In this series we will see that no matter how old we are as a Christ Follower we have a distinct Job Description. To love and actively mentor the next generation. This lesson will travel through 3 critical moments in the History of the family. These 3 will point us to God, who does His best work in the context of family. We will be invited to join Him in His irresistible family leaving a legacy for Him.

Open it: What did your parents pass on to you that you want to pass to the next generation? What was not passed on to you that you would like to pass to the next generation?

Dig and Reflect on it: Read Psalm 71:17-18: This verse brings out two elements. First there is the desire to live from youth to old age being devoted and following God. Second there is the challenge to take that devotion and pass it down to the next generation.

- How does our personal devotion to God affect what we are going to hand down to the next generation? Would you want the next generation to possess your devotion?

1. First Critical Moment: The Family is God's Idea: Read Ephesians 3:14-18.

- How does the family of God reflect His fundamental Goodness and Grace?

- How does the Family of God express His Kingdom?

2. Second Critical Moment: God Heals Us in the Context of Families.

- Discuss some of the families in the Bible: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. What do they teach us about families? What do they teach us about God?

- Do you think the Church (the family of God) is a place for the sick or those that are well?

- What are some obstacles that need to come down in order for churches to become more receptive to those who are hurting? How can a church become more vulnerable and authentic?

- Do you think Heartlands is a safe place for people to be open and vulnerable? Do you feel safe to be open about your struggles? Why or Why not?

3. Third Critical Moment: God wants us to join Him in His Irresistible Family.

- Read Psalm 27:10. How has God's family blessed you in ways that your physical family has not? How have you been blessed by His Irresistible Family?

Do it: Talk and Pray Specifically as to what you can do to encourage the next generation to Love and Serve Jesus and Others.

