

# Genesis and the Family Room

## Video #1 Discussion Questions

1. What's your favorite thing to do in the family room or what is your favorite memory in your family room?
2. Read Genesis 1:26-31 and 3:8. What do you think life was like for Adam and Eve before the fall into sin? How would your family be different today if there were still no sin?
3. Our culture is often quick to blame God for tragedies that happen in life. Many ask, "Why would God let that happen?" Read Genesis 3:13-19. What is the real cause of the bad things in life? Then, talk about what things were negatively impacted by the Fall according to Gen. 3:13-19.
4. In your opinion, what is the worst part of the curse that God speaks in 3:13-19? Pain in childbirth, death, work being nothing but blood, sweat, and tears, or something else?
5. Have you ever wondered why the Bible contains so many genealogies? Take a look through chapter 5, 10, and 11:10-26. Don't read these chapters full of hard to pronounce names; just notice the major characters by looking at the first and last people in each list. They really only trace a very small part of the entire human family tree. Now read Genesis 3:15; 49:8-12; and Matthew 1:1-3. Having read these verses, what is the purpose of the genealogies in the book of Genesis?
6. Read Genesis 38:12-18. This is a pretty racy scene for the Bible! Hollywood wouldn't shy away from a story like this. Why does Hollywood include scenes like this in their movies? Why do you think the Bible includes such racy stories full of sin in the lives of God's people? For some help, take a look at Genesis 38:27-30 and then back to Matthew 1:3.
7. Read Genesis 50:15-21. Notice what Joseph says and how he sees the past in 50:20 – he neither turns a blind eye toward the past nor does he hold a grudge. How do you think he came to see the past in this light?
8. Have you ever experienced God bringing good out of a very bad situation? If so, tell the group about it.
9. In your daily readings, what story has meant the most to you?
10. In general, how are you doing with keeping up with the readings?

11. Does anyone in your group have questions from their daily readings? Encourage them to write down questions as they read. If you can't come up with answers in your group, email these to Pastor Ben: [pastorben@goodshepherdgainesville.org](mailto:pastorben@goodshepherdgainesville.org)

12. End by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

#### More Discussion Questions

13. Read Genesis 12:1-4. Has God ever called you to stop what you're doing and start doing something else (like leaving a job or your parents' home or the city where you were living) and why?

14. Notice how old Abraham was when God called him to do this (12:4). What do you hope to be doing or what are/were you doing at age 75? Will you be or are you open to God calling you to make a major change at that stage of life?

15. Read Genesis 15:1-6. Then read James 2:23. Why do you think Abraham was called God's friend? If you're tempted to think it was because he was such a good man, take a look at Genesis 12:10-20 – not exactly a righteous thing to do! For a hint, take a look at Galatians 3:6-9.

16. What does it mean to you that God calls you His friend?

17. Read Genesis 21:1-3. God kept the promise He made to Sarah. What promises has God made to you? And how has He kept them?

18. If you finish these, go back to questions 9-12 above.