

STUDY GUIDE

FAMILY DRAMA 09.19.21

[set up]

What can you celebrate about your family of origin?

What grieves you about your family of origin?

[digging deeper]

Read **Genesis 9:20-27** in the ESV.

Read Genesis 9:20-27 in another version (like the NIV, the Message, the New Living Translation, the Amplified Bible, or the Living Bible).

Ask someone in the group to share the truths in the passage in his or her own words. (The rest of the group can fill in any gaps that may be missing.)

Ask, “**What does this passage (along with the preceding chapters about Noah) tell us about God?**”

Ask, “**What does this passage tell us about ourselves?**”

Assign individual members of the group to read a few of the following passages one at a time. After they read the passage, ask them to respond to the question, “**What stands out to you in this passage about drinking and drunkenness?**”

Proverbs 20:1

Ephesians 5:18

1 Timothy 5:23

Proverbs 23:29-35

1 Corinthians 6:12

1 Peter 4:3

Assign individual members of the group to read a few of the following passages one at a time. After they read the passage, ask them to respond to the question, “**What stands out to you in this passage about dishonoring parents?**”

Exodus 20:12

Mark 7:10

Proverbs 20:20

Proverbs 30:17

Leviticus 20:9

Leviticus 19:32

Ephesians 6:1-3

Assign individual members of the group to read a few of the following passages one at a time. After they read the passage, ask them to respond to the question, “**What stands out to you in this passage about blessing and cursing?**”

1 Peter 3:8-12

Proverbs 17:13

Proverbs 20:22

Luke 6:28

Luke 6:35-36

Romans 12:14

Romans 12:17-21

Ephesians 4:32

1 Thessalonians 5:15

(over)

Ask, “**What price do families pay if we choose to walk in the drunkenness, dishonor, and cursing?**”

[living it out]

Title a Giant Post-it “**Holiness in the Home.**” Brainstorm a list of 5-7 characteristics that define a family living in holy ways. Ask, “Where is your family strongest? Where do you most need to grow? What steps can you take to overcome that tendency toward unholy family living?”

In order for people in the group to walk in holiness more faithfully in their homes, ask everyone in the group to craft an “**I will...**” statement. Ask each person to share that statement with the group.

Pair up for **closing prayer**. Ask each person to pray that God will enable their prayer partner to fulfill their “I will” statement. (Include praying for one another’s “Who’s Your One?” friend and praying that the Lord of light will send forth laborers from within CVC to help people walking in darkness to come to the light of Christ.)