

STUDY GUIDE

FAMILY DRAMA 09.12.21

[set up]

Share a good and bad trait that you have inherited from your parents and/or grandparents.

Share a good trait that you hope to pass to your family members or a bad trait that you don't want to pass on to your family members.

[digging deeper]

This last weekend we kicked off a series called "Family Drama." What was one affirmation or conviction that stood out to you?

Read Genesis 3:1-13 and Genesis 4:1-10.

Connect the dots from what you see in these texts to what we still see being played out in our families today.

How can being reminded that all family challenges started with our original ancestors actually help you deal with the challenges you face now in family?

It was said this weekend that, "we can overcome family drama, not by focusing on someone to blame but someone who redeems." What do you think that means? Do you agree? How do we do that?

Read the following verses. Beneath each one, write a sentence to explain how the truth of that text helps us despite what we see from the first family in Genesis three and four.

Romans 5:17-19

John 1:12-13

(over)

Ephesians 2:19

Take those sentences from the three verses above and craft a summary sentence by completing this starting phrase: Even though our ancestors sinned....

[living it out]

Write down something you think the Holy Spirit showed you during this time.

What do you think He wants you to do in light of what He showed you?

If comfortable, share these thoughts with your group.

Spend meaningful time in prayer over what you shared with each other just now. (Is there a praise to offer God? Is there something to thank God for? Do you need to confess to the Lord? What do you need or what does someone else need that you can pray to God for help?)