



The Broken Family Robert Morris

Focus Every person has come from a broken family. The spiritual characteristics and genetic tendencies from Adam and Eve have been passed on to us through the curse of the Fall. But Jesus came to redeem us from the curse!

Fun If you could direct a movie, what would the title and main plot be?

Review Key Scriptures: Genesis 3:1–20, 5:2; 1 John 2:16; Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 12:10

Three things entered the world through sin:

1. Shame

Immediately after the Fall, Adam and Eve recognized they were naked and hid from God and from themselves. We often try to cover our own shame. But God wants to cover us by clothing us in His righteousness and salvation. Read Revelation 3:18 and Isaiah 61:10.

2. Blame

We always want to place the blame on someone. Either it is not my fault, or it is always my fault. To blame is to accuse. In Revelation 12:10, Satan is called “the accuser of our brethren.” When we accuse others, we are joining forces with the enemy and acting like Satan in that moment.

3. Fame

We all have insecurities in our lives that cry out for people to give recognition to us. Adam separated himself from Eve and placed a label on her. Since then, all of humanity has wrestled with and rebelled against the label placed on them, fighting for individualism. But God has given to each one of us different giftings

according to 1 Corinthians 12. The highest calling on our lives is to be children of God.

Group Dynamics Idea Let's play a game! Split into teams of three or four and select a random word such as "heart" or "dog." Team 1 has 30 seconds to think of a song with the word "dog" in the lyrics. They must sing at least five words in a row including the special word. Then the turn passes to Team 2. You will continue taking turns until one team cannot think of a song and must forfeit that round. Play as many rounds as you like with new words.

Discuss

1. According to Pastor Robert, what qualifies a family to be broken? Why? Who has come from broken families? How does this shape your viewpoint of your own family?
2. In Genesis 3:21, God made tunics of skin for Adam and Eve and clothed them. Why was God's choice of clothing significant and more effective than theirs? Read Revelation 3:18 and Isaiah 61:10. What does God desire to clothe us with?
3. What does it look like to be "clothed with the garments of salvation" and "covered with the robe of righteousness"?
4. Read Romans 4:3. When is sin removed from our account? When is righteousness deposited in our account?
5. How does blame immediately affect the closeness of our relationship with God and others? What about when we direct all the blame to ourselves (it's always my fault)? Revelation 12:10 exposes Satan as the "accuser of our brethren." If that is his role, what is happening when we cast blame?
6. How did Adam separate himself from Eve? Why? What happens when we consistently put labels on others?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Whether we were brought up in strong believing families or not, we all are affected by the things allowed into the world as a result of the curse.

- The only thing that can cover our shame is the blood of Jesus, which He has poured out for us.
- God wants to bless families and see them walk in health and freedom under His covering.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for covering us with Your precious blood. Thank You that, even though we fail again and again in our humanity, You have redeemed us! We believe in the work You accomplished on the cross to remove every sin from our account. Lord, continue Your work of restoration in our families' lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Encourage your group members to grow in their relationships with the Lord and others through Equip classes. We have classes on freedom, stewardship, relationships, leadership, and much more. To view class descriptions and schedules, visit equip.gatewaypeople.com.