



Generational Hope | 1 Kings 15:1-8
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Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

What's one small "quirk" you've inherited from a parent or grandparent — the kind of thing you catch yourself doing without thinking?

Read 1 Kings 15:1-8

Generational Sin

What "summary sentence" would you want to mark your legacy as a follower of Jesus?

How have you seen generational patterns — good or bad — show up in families you know?

Which of these best describes the way you see family influence in your life?

- ☐ "I see a lot of my parents in me — both strengths and weaknesses."
- ☐ "I've worked hard to be different from what I grew up with."
- ☐ "Honestly, I haven't thought much about it."
- ☐ "It's complicated... please don't psychoanalyze me." 😊

Where have you experienced Christ interrupting or transforming an inherited pattern?

Read Romans 5:12

How does the reality of inherited sin help explain why certain struggles or patterns are so persistent?

When you think about your own parenting or influence, which statement feels most true for you?

- ☐ "I feel the weight of what I'm passing on."
- ☐ "I'm trying, but I often feel inadequate."
- ☐ "I'm encouraged — God has grown me."
- ☐ "I'm mostly just hoping my kids turn out better than I did."
- ☐ "I don't have kids, but I see how I influence others."
- ☐ Other _____

Generational Hope

What does it mean to you that God shows grace not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Another?

How does the perfect faithfulness of Jesus — the greater Son of David — give you hope for the parts of your story that feel stuck or inherited?

Which of these best describes where you are right now?

- ☐ "I'm longing for something new in my family story."
- ☐ "I'm seeing God rewrite things, slowly but surely."
- ☐ "I'm thankful — God has already broken some patterns."
- ☐ "I'm honestly unsure what God is doing."
- ☐ Other: _____

Work It Out

As you approach the holiday season and the tables you'll sit around, where do you most need God's grace to meet you?

To Reflect On:

What is one generational pattern you hope ends with you? And what is one grace-filled pattern you hope begins with you?