



Family Reunion

Abraham

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Families are complicated. Every family tree has that uncle with the outrageous war stories or the chain-smoking, bourbon guzzling second cousin.

1. Share a ‘colorful’ member of your family tree.

Our family lineage affects us; however we are more than the sum total of our family lineage.

2. In what ways do you see the effects of your family lineage?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Real family is a choice. We can choose to be a part of God’s family tree.

3. How has being a part of God’s family tree changed who you are?

We think that Jesus’ family tree would be perfect. However, Jesus’ family tree was full of complicated, imperfect people. Abraham, the top of the tree, was as human as we are. Because he didn’t wait on God’s timing for the ‘son of promise’ that God had promised he and Sarah would have, he set into motion events that we are still feeling the effects of today. (If time allows, recount the story of Ishmael and Isaac – Genesis 16 and 21)

4. Have you ever been impatient with God’s timing and tried to force God’s hand? What was the outcome?

It doesn’t matter where we come from or who is in our family tree. We make the choice of which lineage we live out of – our natural lineage or the lineage of Jesus.

5. Are you choosing to live out of the lineage of Jesus?

6. Are you struggling with remnants of your natural lineage? How can you get out from under these 'remnants' of your old lineage?