

# WEEK 3

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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No family is perfect — not even the ones that seem "normal" on the outside. No one truly has a "normal" family, and that's okay! Sometimes it's the most not-normal families that God uses to make the most not-normal difference in the world. In this 4-week series, we'll look at four imperfect and "atypical" families from Scripture. We'll discover that not-so-typical families **are often used by God** because not-so-typical families **pray for each other, have tough conversations, and forgive each other.**

### THIS WEEK

#### THE BIG IDEA

Not-so-typical families have tough conversations.

#### THE BIBLE

Genesis 25:21-34, 27:1-45, 32:3-20, 33:4-12;  
Matthew 18:15-17; James 1:19

- **What are some reasons a family might need to have a tough conversation?**
- **What's the longest amount of time one of your fights with a family member has lasted? What started the fight and how did it end?**
- **How often does your family have tough conversations? What are those conversations like?**
- **Why is it sometimes difficult to have tough conversations with your family? What would make it easier?**
- **Which part of a tough conversation is easiest for you? Which part is most difficult?**
  - **Starting the conversation.**
  - **Being patient when they talk.**
  - **Really listening to their point of view.**
  - **Being honest about what you think and feel.**
  - **Admitting when you're wrong.**
  - **Valuing your relationship more than being right.**
- **What's one example of a tough conversation you've had with a family member? How did it go?**
- **Is there a tough conversation you need to have with someone in your family? What's stopping you from having that conversation?**
- **Read James 1:19. How could you apply this verse in the next tough conversation you have?**
- **Does our group make you feel like you are part of a family? Why or why not?**
- **Are there any tough conversations you think our group needs to have with each other?**