

YOUTH & FAMILY DEVOTION & DISCUSSION – October 12, 2025

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-31

SECONDARY SCRIPTURES

Matthew 24:14 and 2 Timothy 4:2

Dear parents,

We kicked off a few-week study in our small groups looking at key scripture verses. This week to help our teenagers understand God's purposes for life. The first lesson, called "Reaching Out to Your Friends," focused on helping students understand that we are created in God's image and have the ability to reflect God's love. Our prayer is that each teenager will commit to a life of representing God's love to all people, regardless of their race, sex, skills, or popularity.

Sometime this week, maybe around the dinner table or in the car, consider asking these questions to generate some discussion with your teenager about reaching others:

- How active are we as a family in reaching out to others? Do we as a family embrace God's purposes for life, or is it something we need to work on?
- What are some ways you have tried to reach out to your friends?
- How can we as parents help you to reach out to your friends (prayer, use the house for gatherings, rides, and so on)?

As always, let me know if there are specific ways I can pray for your family or for your teenager.

Have a blessed week!

SERMON REFLECTION & DISCUSSION – October 12, 2025

This week in our study on **RICHER Verses**

Here are questions for reflection or discussion:

1. The sermon emphasized that we were created with a beautiful song, out of love and intention. How does believing you were "sung into existence" change the way you see yourself or your worth compared to believing you are the result of chance or accident?
2. Read Genesis 1 - 2:3. Genesis 1 starts with God bringing order out of chaos (*tohu va-vohu*). What are some areas of chaos or darkness in our family's life, or the wider world, where we need God's "song" (His voice, grace, or order) to bring light and rest?
3. God kept declaring His creation was "good" (and humans "very good"). When is it easiest for you to believe God's declaration that you are "Goooooooood", and what makes it hardest to believe that about yourself or others?
4. If our lives are meant to be a part of God's perfect creation "song," what does it look like when we choose to create dissonance (by choosing our own way, like Adam and Eve)? What's one practical way we can intentionally choose harmony (forgiveness, kindness, order) this week?