

PICTURE PERFECT

REFRAMING YOUR FAMILY STORY

Picture Perfect Series

Small Group Material

Participant Guide

Part 2 - "Reframing Our View"

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Bottom Line: *Redemption is the reality that God uses everything. But, you have to let Him use it.*

Study Verses: *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

Key Points

- *Identity is who you are created to be.*
- *Authority is the power of God in and over your life.*
- *Legacy is the stewardship of God's promised future.*
- *The family was established so that your children's children know God as God.*
- *When you know what the family does, you'll know what to do.*
- *Idolatry crushes the thing you worship while breaking your heart in the process.*
- *You can't move into the future looking backwards.*
- *The context of a relationship built on trust allows our authority as parents to be imperfect.*
- *Without the family you have no basis for authority.*
- *We long to know who we are. The family establishes an identity before anything else.*

ENCOUNTER

- When you were born you were given a name. How does the family provide us with a sense of identity? What emotions and thoughts come to mind when you think about the name/family you were born into (ex. Smiths, Jones)? Why is this your initial reaction?
- What is the difference between authority and power? Which one is rooted in trust?
- How does one know when they've made an idol out of their family? What are some warning signs that should alert someone that this has taken place?

FORMATION

- Read Deuteronomy 6:1-2. According to this passage, why did God establish the family?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:3-6. How does our own walk influence what we pass down to our children, the next generation and those that come after us?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:7-9. How can this passage be misused in the way authority is stewarded from parents to children? What does it look like to "impress" God's commands on your children? Where and when should this take place?

EXPRESSION

- How can you trust God's promise to redeem your future without attempting to control it?
- In what ways have you made an idol out of family? What are you looking for it to fulfill or meet for you? How is this creating pressure for you and others that are involved?
- In regard to your family, where have you lost sight of a legacy mindset and instead focused on your individual wants, desires and demands?