

Life Group / Reflection Question

Ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God, every family has been dysfunctional to one degree or another. As long as you have sin, even the best relationships will be less than perfect. There's no such thing as a perfect family—never has been and never will be as long as sin is part of the human condition. Sin distorts everything we do and say—it colors life so that no marriage, no family, no parent-child relationship is truly perfect. Our dysfunction sadly keeps us from the redemption of God. The Story of Jacob gives us insight into how God redeems our dysfunctional roots!

Break the Ice:

- *What is your favorite TV family? Why?*
- *Why is it so easy to laugh at family dysfunction we see on TV, but when it comes to our own family dysfunction we choose different emotions?*

Discussion:

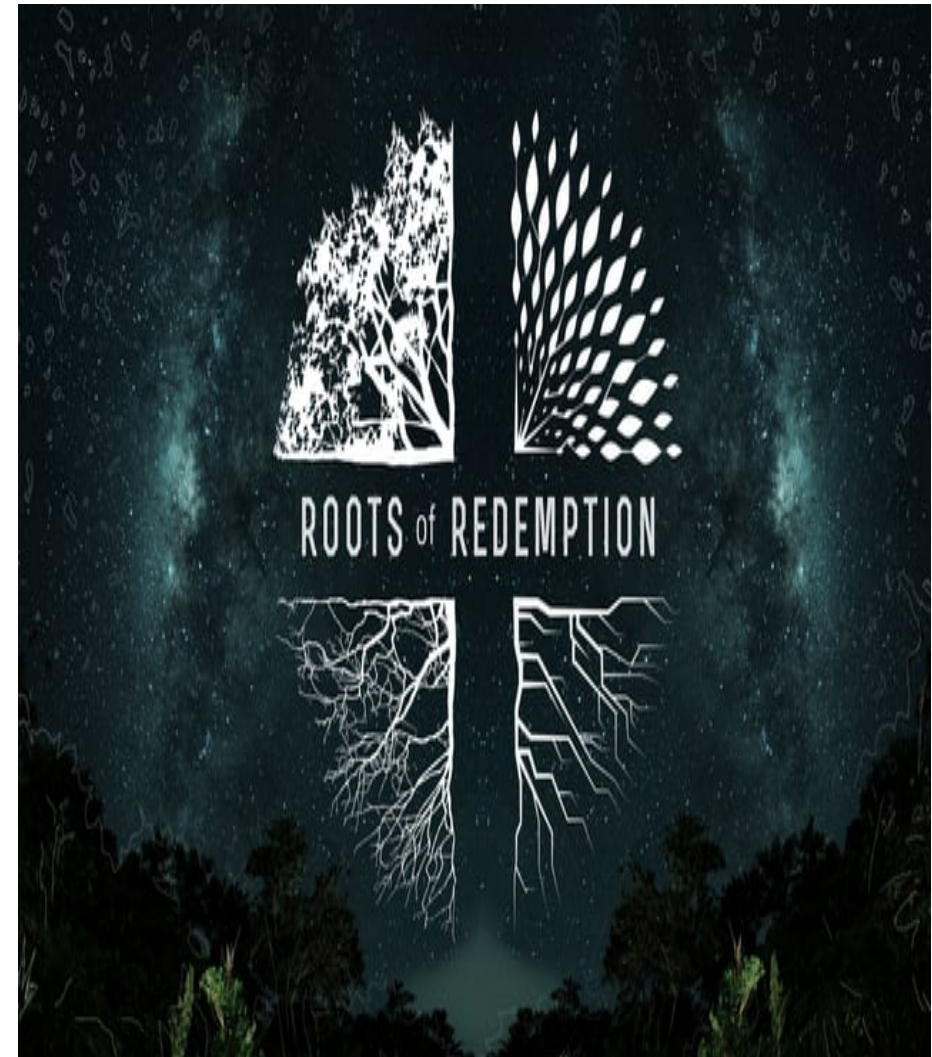
- *What points or scriptures from this week's sermon were meaningful for you personally?*
- *The definition of dysfunction is an abnormality or impairment to the normal functioning of a system. Did you grow up in a family that experienced dysfunction? Have you seen that dysfunction carry over into other relationships or your family today?*
- *This week we discovered 5 roots of a dysfunctional family. Which of the 5 roots have you experienced?*

Read Matthew 6:12, 14-15 & Matthew 18:21-35

- *Forgiveness is quite possibly the hardest thing God asks us to do. Why is forgiveness so hard? What is at risk if we choose to forgive those that have hurt us?*
- *This week we discovered that redemption begins with forgiveness. Why do you think forgiveness is the key element to experiencing redemption in our lives with God, and our lives with others?*

Take Away:

- *What is one thing you will put into practice as a result of what you have learned this week ?*



Sunday October 25th, 2015
“A Portrait of Dysfunction”
Week #1
Wave Church SD

Roots of Redemption
“A Portrait of Dysfunction”
Week #5

God Redeems Our Roots of Dysfunction

Dysfunction: *An abnormality or impairment in the function of a specified bodily organ or system.*

Five Roots of a Dysfunctional Family

1. **Estrangement** ~ Genesis 25:1-11

2. **Anger** ~ Genesis 25:12-18

3. **Lack of Trust** ~ Genesis 25:19-28

4. **Deception** ~ Genesis 25:29-34

5. **Unhealthy Secrecy** ~ Genesis 27

It is in the places of our greatest dysfunction that God is bringing about his greatest story of redemption

Redemption: *Forgiveness or absolution for past sins or errors and protection from damnation and disgrace, eternal or temporary, through a means of sacrifice.*

How to Break our Roots of Dysfunction?

- **God’s Greatest Story of Redemption begins with Forgiveness**

Matthew 6:12, 14-15 *forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

- **Stop Drinking the Poison of Un-Forgiveness**

- *Forgive like we have been forgiven*

- *Forgiveness does not mean forgetting*

- *Love is a choice not an emotion*

- *Let God bring justice*

Matthew 18:21-35 ~ The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

“Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times...”

God Redeems our Dysfunction with A New Story