

# CONVERSATION GUIDE

## Middle-High School

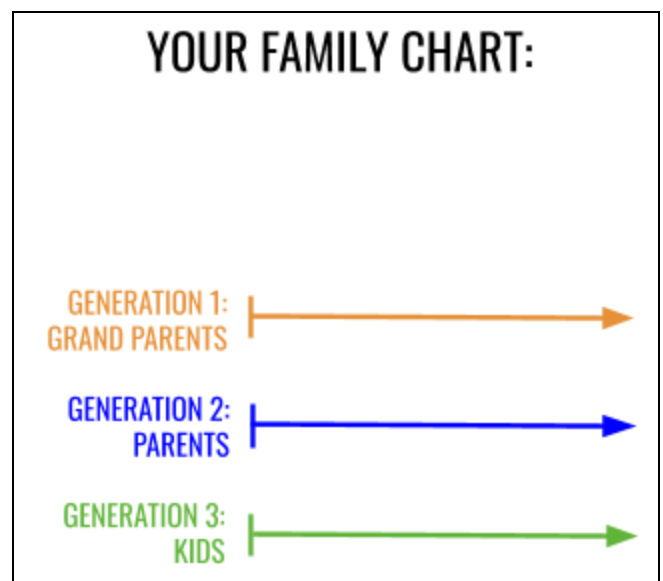
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LESSON: *The Family We Were Made For*

### INTRO

*This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.*

- What is your extended family like? Do you all live close or are you more spread out? Do you ever get together for big family meals and gatherings? If so, what are those like? If not, where have you seen examples of these kinds of big, multi-generational extended families in your friends' families or in books, movies or tv shows?
- **Read Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 9:1.** Why is this God's first command to Adam and Eve and his repeated command to Noah's family after the flood?
  - How does this connect with God telling Abraham that He wants to bless all the families of the world through Abraham's family in Genesis 12:1-3?
- **Fill out your family chart:**
  - 1.) Put in people's names for your parents, siblings and any grand- parents or great-grandparents that you know.
  - 2.) Add on any other significant people in your extended family village (aunts, uncles, LG, student leaders)
  - 3.) Draw blue lines where God has specifically blessed you with His love, wisdom and grace through any of these people.
  - 4.) Draw red lines where you and your family have experienced sin and brokenness.



- Have you experienced any moments of longing for God's big forever family with no sin? If so, when?