

LESSON 1 // CHOOSE A POSITIVE LEGACY

Big Idea: You are creating a legacy—building a "house"—for good or bad. You will leave an impact on others through the principles you live and the character you demonstrate. This must be based on a healthy foundation that may include breaking free from a bad legacy in your family. As you recognize and turn from any generational sins or influences, you can move forward as a committed disciple of Jesus to actively build a strong, positive legacy.

Exodus 34:6-7 (NIV) And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Group Discussion:

This weekend we learned about 3 things that will help us to choose a positive legacy. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

Legacies are created by the way we live. For good or bad, legacies outlast us. What do you want to be known for for generations to come? What would close friends and family members remember about you?

To break free from generational sins, we must recognize them. What are some generational sins that have been a part of your family? How have they affected you and the way you think and live?

What generational blessings have been passed down to you? Who comes to mind as you think about these things? Make time this week to express gratitude and honor to those that have blessed you with valuable life lessons.

Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9. The legacy of your "house" is determined by the seeds you plant now. What kind of house are you building? What will be the legacy of your house?

What can you do this week to contribute towards a strong, positive legacy for generations to come?

Prayer Focus:

Ask God to reveal generational sins in your life and give you strength to overcome them. "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free". John 8:31-32