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Week 2: From Failure to Family

Big Idea: We are not defined by our failures; we are defined by our family.
(Ephesians 2)

GETTING STARTED (Identity Activity)

Step 1: Give a small piece of paper and a pen or pencil to everyone in the group.

Step 2: Ask them to answer this week's question by writing one or two sentences on the piece of paper. Do not have them write their names on the paper... it's a secret. **"The TV/Movie Character I relate most with is _____"**

Step 3: Collect all the responses

Step 4: Read responses aloud. Ask people to guess after you read each one who they think might have written it.

*If you have a new group nametag are helpful

*This should be fun...try voting if more than one person is nominated for a response

*Ask why the person why they related to that character

Watch "Week 2 Misnomer" Video

Read Ephesians 2

- What about today's reading stands out to you?

GETTING PRACTICAL (20-30 min)

1. What impact does our past have on how we perceive ourselves?
2. How does it affect our behavior and the choices we make?
3. How has past behavior contributed to how you perceive yourself?

Scripture promises that we are not defined by our failures but rather by our father and our family. This is a story of belonging.

1. How do we belong to this family? What difference does it make in our identity?
2. How is this different than our **actions** and our **past** defining us?
3. Where is it that you need to embrace what God said about you?
4. How can we be unburdened of our past? What steps might you need to take today?

Parent Talk: How can we help kids shape their identity? How can we help them find their identity in Family of God?

GOING DEEPER

1. How does this section connect with the verses from last week (Genesis 1:28-30 & 3:1-7)?
2. Where do you see a spiritual battle mentioned in today's text?
3. How do you understand the ministry of reconciliation?