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BRENTWOOD
families

Conversation Starters and Prayer Prompts

WHO WE ARE

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

6 For you are a holy people belonging to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be His own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.

7 "The Lord was devoted to you and chose you, not because you were more numerous than all peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8 But because the Lord loved you and kept the oath He swore to your fathers, He brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know that Yahweh your God is God, the faithful God who keeps His gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commands. 10 But He directly pays back and destroys those who hate Him. He will not hesitate to directly pay back the one who hates Him. 11 So keep the command—the statutes and ordinances—that I am giving you to follow today.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What does it mean to you to be a church? ("... a people belonging to the Lord your God.")
- Who is someone in your life that has modeled the Christian faith the best for you? Explain.
- What is something you can do to build relationships within our church family? What skills, gifts, resources, etc. can you bring to strengthen the church?
- Share a story about a time when you felt connected to other believers in your broader Christian family (examples: serving in a ministry, worshiping, receiving encouragement or prayer support, etc.). How do these experiences help you connect to God's love and His purposes for you?

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank God for making you part of His family because of His love for you. Ask Him to help you build supportive friendships with other Christians and use your gifts to strengthen the church ("So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it." – 1 Corinthians 12: 26 – 27)

RESOURCES

Check-out any of these titles in our Brentwood Baptist Church Resource Center:

Agents of Change – CD
by Mike Glenn

Call# 248.4 GLE

Family Tree: Growing Together – Connecting Church and Home (CD)
by Mike Glenn

Call# CD 248 GLE

The Connecting Church: Beyond Small Groups to Authentic Community
by Randy Frazee

Call# 250 FRA

The Most Loving Place in Town: A Modern-Day Parable for the Church
by Ken Blanchard

Call# 253 BLA

Are You Committed:

Connecting God's People to Meaningful Ministry
by Jay McSwain

Call# 259 MCS

Great Church: Six Characteristics from the Book of Acts (CD)

by Mike Glenn

Call# CD 226.6 GLE