

# GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

## CONNECT

Invite kids, if present, to join everyone in sharing: What's your favorite trip you've ever taken?

## LEARN & APPLY

Our church's partnership with Mission of Hope is an expression of our discipleship values, especially Jesus Makes Us Family and Love Pours Out. Read Matthew 12:46-50.

- Is Jesus saying that our natural families don't matter?
- What point do you think Jesus wants people to learn here?
- What would it mean in practice to treat other Christians as family? Why is this important? What makes this hard?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. Paul, the writer of this letter, was collecting money from churches in Greece (including areas called Macedonia and Achaia) to send to the church in Jerusalem, which was experiencing a famine.

- What reasons does Paul give for why the Greek churches (like Corinth) should care about this offering?
- What do you think of the idea in vv. 13-15 that the goal is equality?
- How might this be an example of the values we're discussing?

Has anyone in your group been to Mission of Hope? If so, share your favorite stories, experiences, and lessons you learned. If not, discuss what you heard in worship this weekend. What made the biggest impression on you? Is there anything you think God wants you to learn or do through this partnership?

## PRAY

Invite kids, if present, to join you in praying. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti: for them to know the love of God, for their material needs, and for their country's present and future.