

## Family Discussion Guide

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1. Discuss what happened the first Reformation Day. What are some ways the church can still be working to be better? (Example: addressing racism, reaching the next generation, outreach during the pandemic, helping poor and needy, holding ourselves accountable, not being hypocrites, etc.)
2. Look up the song “A Mighty Fortress” by Martin Luther. Read the words, sing it as a family, or listen to a recording on YouTube. Take turns choosing a line in the song and explaining why it is meaningful to you.
3. Look up in a dictionary (or dictionary.com) what the word “glory” means. How do we see God’s glory in our church and through our worship service? How can we share God’s glory with others in our lives?
4. Read the Parable of the Lost Sheep from Luke 15:1–7. Discuss the connection of the phrase “Black Lives Matter” and this parable.
5. The sermon shared a story of three people trying to see over a 6-foot-tall fence to watch a baseball game on the other side. Draw two pictures of this story. One showing equality: a tall person, a medium person, and a short person all standing on the same-sized box, but only the tall person can see over the fence. One showing equity: each person has the right-sized box for their height so they can see over the fence. Discuss as a family what the difference between equality and equity is and how we can work towards equity in our lives.
6. Pastor showed us what prejudice can look like through this quote from the sermon, “Considering people—what they are allowed to do, what they can say to us, what they need to do—based on the color of their skin is a sin.” When have you fallen into the temptation of thinking this way?
7. Instead of focusing on what divides us, we should try to see in others the One who unites us—Jesus. How can we do this? What does this look like?

End this time of family engagement and discussion with this prayer:

Dear God, as we celebrate Reformation Day, we know that more work needs to be done. We want our church and our lives to reflect your love, your beauty, and your justice. Help us to humble ourselves and admit where we have fallen short. Give us your strength and grace to try again, using your power in our lives to create change. In Jesus’ name, Amen.