

# Your chance to respond...

Undeclared / Week 1

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## BOTTOM LINE

Because of Jesus, separation is defeated.

## SCRIPTURE

*“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24 NIV*

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*At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split.*  
*Matthew 27:51NIV*

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## Think/talk about this...

1. What’s one example of the way a teenager might experience feeling separated from something they want?
2. How might being separated from something you want or someone important in your life make you feel?
3. What’s one way you know you are close to someone?
4. What do you think it feels like to be close to God?
5. Do you think it’s a bad thing to be separated from God? Why or why not?

## Possible family activity...

Put a lamp in the center of your group, representing God. Each person should select a personal object that they happen to have with them that represents each of them as individuals. (This could be a backpack, piece of jewelry, phone, etc.) Think about how distant from or close to God you currently feel before placing your personal object at that distance from the light. Leave the object in place while you discuss what makes you feel that specific distance from God.

6. What’s one reason we might feel separated from God?
  7. How might knowing that Jesus died so you would never have to be separated from God again change the way you feel about . . .
    - Yourself?
    - God?
    - Your choices?
  8. This week, what’s one step you can take toward believing, confessing, or receiving the fact that because of Jesus, you have a way to be close to God?
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