

## **Battlefield 9 – Rejection Leader’s Guide**

- 1. What does “reject” mean? (Throw away, refuse, not accept, disapprove, exclude, turn down.)**
- 2. How can a baby be born with a sense of rejection? (Babies can sense if they are unwanted. This may happen if the mother is too young, too poor, has too many other children, or if the pregnancy is a surprise.)**
- 3. What are some reasons that children or young adults can feel rejected? (If their parents have no time for them, fight a lot, divorce, or die, they can feel rejected. An abused child, a middle child, an adopted child, or the child in a blended family can also feel rejected. A girl can feel rejected if the parents wanted a boy; a boy can feel rejected if they wanted a girl.)**
- 4. What are some common reactions to rejection? (Anger, bitterness, distrust, fear, perfectionism, shame, rebellion, depression, and feelings of worthlessness are common.)**
- 5. What are some ways people try to escape the pain of rejection? (They develop addictions to numb the pain: TV, food, shopping, drugs, alcohol, sleeping, and more.)**
- 6. What rejection did Jesus experience? (Jesus was hated and rejected by people. The religious leaders of his day rejected him. His closest friends all abandoned him. One close friend denied knowing him. Another close friend betrayed him.)**
- 7. What is God’s answer to rejection? (The cross)**
- 8. How does Jesus’ death on the cross help believers with rejection? (God rejected Jesus when he was on the cross. Jesus traded places with us. He took our rejection so we could have his acceptance with the Father. Because of the cross, we are 100% accepted by God.)**
- 9. Are you believing the lie, “No one could ever accept me.”? Will you stop agreeing with this lie and repent for believing it? (Answers will vary.)**
- 10. What truth should you declare each day? (“I am accepted in the Beloved.”)**

