

# PERSPECTIVE

## ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

MESSAGE: JULY 19, 2020

### **FAMILY: YOUR RELATIONSHIPS ARE TO REVEAL THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE.**

#### **DISCUSS:**

#### **- COLOSSIANS 3:18-21 -**

- IF YOU HAD TO GIVE A DEFINITION FOR THE WORD "FAMILY", WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY? HOW DOES A BIBLICAL VIEW OF FAMILY DIFFER FROM A WORLDLY VIEW?
- READ COLOSSIANS 3:18-21. TWO ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF FAMILY ARE IDENTIFIED HERE: MARRIAGE AND PARENTHOOD. HOW IS GOD'S CHARACTER REVEALED IN THESE TWO ELEMENTS?
- READ EPHESIANS 5:22-28. ACCORDING TO THIS PASSAGE, JESUS IS TO BE EVIDENT IN YOUR MARRIAGE. HOW WOULD A STRANGER VIEW JESUS IF THEIR ONLY INTERACTION WITH HIM WAS WITNESSING YOUR MARRIAGE? FOR THOSE NOT MARRIED, HOW HAVE YOU SEEN OTHERS REFLECT JESUS IN THEIR MARRIAGE? EXPLAIN.
- READ EPHESIANS 6:1-4. ACCORDING TO THIS PASSAGE JESUS IS TO BE EVIDENT IN THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN. HOW CAN YOU BETTER REFLECT CHRIST'S LOVE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR PARENTS? WITH YOUR CHILDREN? EXPLAIN.

#### **APPLY:**

- WHAT WOULD YOU SAY THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY IS? OF FRIENDSHIPS? READ COLOSSIANS 3:17. THE PURPOSE OF EVERYTHING WE DO SHOULD BE TO GLORIFY GOD, AND YET OUR LIVES ARE FULL OF COMPLACENT RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE LARGELY NOT LEVERAGED TO FURTHER HIS KINGDOM. HOW CAN YOU BETTER SEEK TO CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE A TESTIMONY TO THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE?
- READ ROMANS 6:1-2 AND GALATIANS 5:1. HOW CAN YOU BE CAREFUL NOT TO ABUSE GOD'S GRACE BUT ALSO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM JESUS HAS PROVIDED WHEN YOU FAIL TO REFLECT HIS LOVE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS?
- "EVERY RELATIONSHIP IN YOUR LIFE IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST." HOW HAVE YOU FAILED TO REFLECT CHRIST IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PAST, AND HOW CAN YOU BETTER REFLECT CHRIST IN THOSE AREAS GOING FORWARD?
- READ PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 AND JAMES 4:6. HOW CAN YOU SPECIFICALLY HUMBLE YOURSELF AND SERVE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS BY COUNTING THEM AS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELF THIS WEEK?

#### **PRAY TOGETHER:**

- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: TO CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS THAT REVEAL THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE.

**WHITESBURG**  
BAPTIST CHURCH