

Family Worship Guide

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Ephesians 6:1-9

“Being a Family in Christ”

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

⁵ Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. ⁷ With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

⁹ And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

Getting Started

- Which of these TV families reflects your family most accurately: Leave it to Beaver? The Flintstones? The Brady Bunch? The Cosby Show? The Waltons? The Simpsons?

Going Deeper

- According to Scripture, what command does God give to all children? What promise accompanies the command (vv. 1-3)?
- How can parents bring up their children “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord? (v. 4)”
- What do you consider to be the ideal employer / employee relationship?

Bringing it Home

- On a scale of 1 (very poor, half-hearted) to 10 (very good, whole-hearted), how has your attitude of service been lately? In your estimation, have you demonstrated a servant’s heart?
- What is God saying to you in this passage of Scripture about your family or work situation? How can you apply the truth of this Scripture to your current family or work situation?¹

¹ Questions adapted from *Serendipity Bible for Groups*, 4th Ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998), 1629.