

GRACE POINT

Future Family Part 1 - Ideally Speaking

Ephesians 6:1-2, Colossians 3:18-21,
1 Peter 3:7, Matthew 19:3-8

1. What was most meaningful, memorable, or challenging to you from the message this week?
2. What is one of your favorite childhood family memories?
3. Read Ephesians 6:1-2 and Colossians 3:18-21. How do these passages challenge your assumptions and experiences about family life?
4. What do you hope your children experience in family that you did not?
5. What is one thing you can do this week in your interactions with your spouse, parents, or children to better live out the New Testament family ideal?

MOVING FORWARD

Are we willing to embrace a standard that many of us have or will fall short of, or will we redefine terms until we feel good about where we are? Are we willing to aim our children towards a destination we never reached, or will we redefine normal?

Jesus didn't leave us much of an option. We can't lose sight of God's original ideal in spite of cultural shifts and our own failures.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning, the Creator 'made them male and female.'"
Matthew 19:4