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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Small Group.

InstaFAM Week 1

ICE-BREAKER: *“God broke the mold when He made you.”* Has anyone ever said that to you? What is typically meant by that statement?

Have you ever experienced complete acceptance? What was that like? Why is acceptance so important to us? Why is it so hard to come by?

“Do your own work well, then you will have something to be proud of. But never compare yourself with others!” - **Galatians 6:4 (CEV)**

Why is it a bad idea to play the comparison game? Who wins in comparison?

All of us have an imaginary scale in our mind. On one side are all the good things we believe about ourselves. On the other side, all the bad. Which side of the scale gets the most attention at home? At work? At church?

What are some of the things we could say and do to tip the scale in a positive direction for our family? What could we do to increase the volume of God’s voice in our lives and in the lives of the people we care about?

Remember a caring adult who spoke words of affirmation into your young life. What difference did they make?

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” - **Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**

Is it easy for you to believe that you are God’s “workmanship,” meaning you are God’s one of a kind, unique masterpiece?

How can we learn to completely accept our own uniqueness, as well as the uniqueness of others? Why is this so important?

“Not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without our Heavenly Father knowing it...and YOU are far more valuable to God!” - **Matthew 10:29, 31 (NLT)**

Do you truly believe you are important to God? What are some of the ways God affirms our value? How can we apply these principles to our own families this week?