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The Household of Christ (Part 1)

Colossians 3:18-21



Background:

In an age when religious leaders only had time for the grown-ups, Christ instructed His disciples: "Let the little children come to Me!" And with that simple command, He taught us what it means to raise our children -- and how we grown-ups ought to come to Him as well. The Apostle Paul relayed this teaching to the believers in Colossae; come join us this Sunday as we take a look at what he had to say to the children of God, whatever their age!

Sermon Text (ESV):

Colossians 3:18-21

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. **20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.** 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions

- As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
- Share with your group who are the “children” in your lives (young/adult/biological/adopted/grandchildren/etc.) that you have the God-given opportunity to encourage towards greater Christlikeness?
- How have you seen your decision-making abilities mature throughout the course of your life?
 1. Who in your life supported / counseled you as you made important decisions early in your life (through young adulthood)?
- Eugene provided some insight into how our view of self and view of others can influence/affect our relationships. How did you relate/react to the overall categories described: secure, avoidant, anxious, and fearful?
 1. Did one of these resonate more (or less) than others in how you relate to God and others?
- As you reflect on your relationship with “child(ren)” in your life, are there any changes that you sense the Holy Spirit asking you to make?
- With your group, consider using these prayers to pray for one another and your parent/child relationships:

Prayers for Parents & Children

<p>A Prayer for Parents</p> <p><i>Abba Father,</i></p> <p><i>Thank You for my parent(s). Please help them receive Your perfect love for them and heal them of any hurts they may have. Show them in Your love how to love me.</i></p> <p><i>In Jesus' Name, Amen.</i></p>	<p>A Prayer for Children</p> <p><i>Abba Father,</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for my child(ren). Please grow them into a lifelong relationship with You. Show them through me that they don't need to be perfect to be loved.</i></p> <p><i>In Jesus' Name, Amen.</i></p>
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