

Healthy Relationships

Wk 4

Family Relationships

Purpose: Students to grasp God's expectations for families and family relationships

Passage (s): Eph. 5:22-6:4, 1 Jn. 3:11-17, Psm. 127:4

Topic: What God expects from his creation

Ricks Devotional: The passage in Ephesians deals strictly with husband/wife relationships and parent/children relationships;

Husbands are to: love sacrificially, love others more than himself,

Wives are to: submit and respect

Children are to: honor, respect, obey

Parents are to: appreciate, raised, disciplined, and trained

Although this is what God expects, our expectations are much different depending on our environment and possibly culture. The passage in John deals with how we are to "love are brothers", most of the time we see the word "brother" in scripture and we automatically think its are our "Christian brothers". Although this is true, why don't we apply it to our physical brothers and sisters as well? This passage goes into the depths of what a true brother/sister lives like in relationship to each other. Whether they are believers or not. Lastly the passage in Psalms, declares the value of children to God. It is not based on age, racist, etc. It's because people are his creation. When we look at these passage, as well as the other lessons we've worked through over the last few weeks. Are we seeing people and relationships through our perspective or Gods? What will we do about it.

Small Group:

Option A;

1. Why is it harder to treat our family better than our friends?
2. Do you think our family relationships are important to God?
 - a. Why or why not?
 - b. What makes them that way?

Option B:

1. In your own words define what it means to honor your parents.
 - a. What are some practical ways we honor our parents?
2. What are some practical ways we show love to our family?
3. Are we important to God, why or why not?
 - a. What makes us that way?
 - b. Do we lose value in his eyes when we don't follow?
 - c. Does He lose value to us when we don't follow?