



Week Three | The Family | 08.08-09.2020

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: “Submit, love, and obey” have become words in our culture that might make the hairs stand up on the backs of our necks stand up, but these words are written for us to follow because they are what we need to do for the betterment of those in our families.

»» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

»» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is one thing you learned about your family in the past 4 months?
- Digging Deeper: What is one thing you learned about yourself and the way you responded to your family over the past 4 months?

»» Observation | Read Colossians 3:18-21 (15 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

»» Key Principle | **We grow together, not just go together.** (15 minutes)

- What happens if we intentionally make choices to grow together as a family?
- What did you have time for during quarantine that you want to continue to make space for? How can you make that happen?

»» Building Up by Powering Down | Reference Colossians 3:18-19 (15 minutes)

- What is the most challenging part of the high calling on husbands and wives?
- What do you like to have total control over in your life? How do you respond when you realize you no longer have total control?
- How can you put your spouse first this week?

»» A Season of Becoming | Reference Colossians 3:20-21 (15 minutes)

- What area of raising your children has been easiest to give responsibilities to others?
- What's one thing you wish you could tell your 10-year-old self? What is something you think your children need to hear?
- How might you be provoking and discouraging your children (or what did this look like with your parents)? How can you encourage and breathe life into your kids?

»» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- Being in a family can be quite difficult. How can the people around you help you be a better spouse and/or parent and/or child?
- Paul believes that a true relationship with Jesus changes how we interact with others. What do you need to shift to be present in your home?
- Close by praying for each other to take some time this week to practice being present with the people in your lives.