



Community Group Discussion Questions | April 15-21, 2018

Series: What Different Does

Title: A Different Family

Luke 14:25-27; Deut. 6:4-7

Luke 14:25–27 ESV

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

How we view children should be different

Deuteronomy 6:4–7 ESV

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Matthew 19:13–15 ESV

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away.

Ask, How would you describe your view of children or your family's view of children?

Christ modeled a great love and care towards children.

How we view discipline should be different

Deuteronomy 13:6–11 ESV

"If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have known, some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him. But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you.

The OT had heavy emphasis on discipline. After Christ came, a more complete picture of discipline was presented.

Ask, How is discipling children a more complete picture of rearing our children?

What do you think of this mental picture - Eye to eye = discipline and shoulder to shoulder = discipleship

How we view marriage should be different

Marriage is not a contract but a sacrificial covenant. In the OT women were property who could not own property.

Christ valued women. The first accounts of resurrection were reported by women who had no legal standing in the community.

Polygamy is not accepted any longer.

Explain that importance of not being unequally yoked with unbelievers 2 Corinthians 6:14

How we view our parents should be different

The 5th commandment speaks of honoring your father and mother. What are some ways that you can show honor to your parents? How are you modeling honor for your kids?

How we view singleness should be different

1 Corinthians 7:32–35 ESV

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

What are some ways that we can honor singles rather than see them as incomplete (not married)? The Apostle Paul shares how singles can be focused and unencumbered by worldly things and pleasing their spouse.

How our families communicate should be different

How can secrets be detrimental to healthy communication in your family?
How can confessing to your family be a strong example of Christ to them?

Consequences can be taught without anger, wrath and punishment. Using their mistakes as opportunities to reveal their sin against God not you personally.

Ask, What might forgiving 70 x 7 look like in your family?

Pray that you will change in your attitude and actions as you pray for things to change in your family

Leave the fixing up to God.

Take prayer requests and close in prayer.