

Colossians Week 5: Connection

Discussion Guide

Discuss:

- Quote [Colossians 3:17](#), How does that work?
- Describe for the group what your home looks like now and what it looked like growing up—Who lives in the home? Who comes over for holidays? Is your family loud, orderly, a little bit nuts? [5 min]
- Compare [Colossians 3:18–4:1](#); [Ephesians 5:22–6:9](#); and [1 Peter 2:18–3:7](#). What are the household roles common to all of them? [5 min]
- What roles do you have in your family? How do these roles help create health and stability in your home? [5 min]
- How do these relationships in your home help you model the relationship of Christ and his church in your community? [5 min]

Challenge:

Brainstorm a summer service project that your group could do to make Jesus famous in your community. [10 min]

Scriptures:

- **Colossians 3:17** (NIV) “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
- **Colossians 3:18–22** (ESV) “Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become

discouraged. Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.”

- **Ephesians 5:22–6:9** (ESV) “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.... Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ... Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.... Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,...”
- **1 Peter 2:18–3:7** (ESV) “Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.... Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives... Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”

Prayer:

Pray for each member of your family by name.