

Family Discussion Guide

Corresponds with: Whom Shall I Love and Whom Shall I Fear?
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1. Read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25–37. Retell this story as if it was happening in present day.
2. A: If you are a white family: Where do you see limited sight (going about your day purposely or unknowingly having no contact with a person of color) or immunity (living your life not realizing the freedoms and biases in your favor as a member of the majority race) in your life?

B: If you are a black family: Do you feel the fight (frustration about not being heard or seen causing feelings or actions of resentment) or flight (loss of hope in change resulting in choosing to self-segregate) instinct more strongly?

C: If you are a multi-racial family: Choose to explore either or both options.
3. Where do you see a black/white divide in your life? How could God work through you to build a bridge and bring unity?
4. Who in your life (a group or a specific person) is hard to love? How is that person different from you? What do you have in common?
5. Is your church mainly one race? Is everyone the same income level, education level, age? How can your family demonstrate God's love in the way you might react to someone different entering your church?
6. List things you know about Jesus and how they cause you to love them. Do the same about members of your family. What do you know about God and His Word that helps us to love people we don't even know?
7. God has given His church the Bible, forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, and the ability to overcome temptation. Which of these tools given by God to fight against Satan's divisions is most meaningful to you?
8. Pastor has described Christians as soldiers of the cross. Explain why you think this is true.

End this time of family engagement and discussion with this prayer:

Dear God, you have called us to love you with our whole heart. You are so worthy of our love because you have loved us perfectly, but we have failed you. We have loved other things more than you. You have called us to love others as much as we love ourselves, but we have failed you. We choose to ignore our neighbor or only love them on our own terms. Father, forgive us. Work in our hearts through your Holy Spirit to keep you first in our hearts and minds. Help us to grow in faith in you and fervent love toward one another. Amen.