

## Family Discussion Guide

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1. How does pride grow into racism and other prejudices?
2. Ephesians 6:12 says, *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."* Discuss enemies you may have in your life and how Satan is the true cause behind them.
3. How should the knowledge that Satan is our true enemy change the way we treat people who we view as our enemies? What knowledge can you seek to gain about someone you view as your enemy?
4. The sermon reminds us that *"God chose us to reveal His will and salvation to a world in need."* What do you think the world needs to hear most right now? Choose a Bible verse to memorize as a family and be prepared to share it when God gives you an opportunity on social media, at school, or at work.
5. What does the world need to see right now? How can your family live justly, show mercy, or act humbly? Challenge each other to choose something to complete in the next week.
6. How can standing up for God's truth cause you to be hated or looked down on? Where has God's truth convicted you of wrong thinking or wrong actions in your life?
7. The sermon reminds us that we represent God in the way we live our lives. Think of someone you don't get along with. What can you change in your interactions with this person so they still experience the goodness of God through you?
8. Explain the process of pruning plants. What do you need God to "prune" or remove from your life so you can produce "good fruit" and live in a godly way?

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

Dear Jesus, when you were on earth, you had every reason to live pridefully. You are perfect! You are God and man! But you chose to live humbly, serving others and dying on the cross to take away my sin. I am prideful. I prefer my way over Your way. I defend myself and my actions, even when I am wrong. I take offense and place barriers between myself and others instead of loving and caring for them. Help me to be more like you. Work in me through Your Holy Spirit to grow good fruits in my life and glorify You in what I say and do. I know that You hear me, God. I know You will "create in me a clean heart." Thank You for the blessings of these people around me. Use us to spread the joy of Your Gospel and the light of Your truth. Amen.