

Family Discussion Guide

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1. What is one thing God has strengthened you to do today?
2. Where are you intentionally seeking out fellowship with others to extend the grace God has given? If this is not something you care currently doing, where might God be leading you to do this as a family?
3. The sermon shared that the correct response of a Christian toward the sin of racism is to acknowledge, confront, and repent. Practice doing this as a family with a current example, and work toward making it a regular family practice.
4. The Philippians had so much concern for Paul that it led them to care for his spirit and also led them to give gifts to sustain his life. Where do you have the opportunity to do this for others?
5. When have you experienced adversity in your family that caused you to bond more tightly together and care for each other more deeply?
6. What is a cause you would love to see addressed by your church? How might God be moving you to lead that charge?
7. What things tend to replace God as Lord over your life? (In other words, what leads your decision making and defines your success?)
8. In the story told about Keshia Thomas, she loved her enemy in two ways: She proclaimed God's truth to him by participating in the protest against the ungodly KKK group, and protected his life. How is God calling you to love your enemy?

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

Dear God, Thank you for sharing the secret to contentment with us: doing all things in Your strength. Forgive us for attempting to do things out of our own strength, in our own way, and for our own glory. Continue to work in our hearts through Your Spirit and cause Your love to overflow into every area of our life. May love for You and others guide our words and actions. Use us as agents of peace and unity in our broken world. Make us bold to speak and act against the powers of evil in our society. We pray, "Your kingdom come," Lord. Help us to do this. In Jesus' name, Amen.