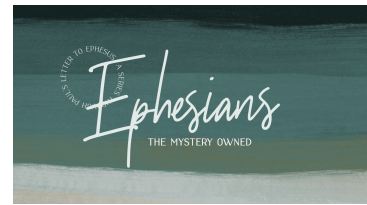


Northland Christian Church
Group Discussion Guide - Ephesians 6:1-9
For the Week of February 28, 2021



Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- What's your favorite game to play as a family? Plan a game-time for your group.
- What's one of the most valuable lessons your parent, grandparent, or guardian taught you while growing up? How did you learn it? How has it been helpful?

Engage the Scriptures - Read Ephesians 6:1-4 with the group.

Discuss It

Jonathon shared Sunday that:

- **What happens on Monday is just as important as what happens on Sunday.** The gospel should inform, alter and guide every aspect of our lives.
1. What does this bring to mind for you? What makes this a challenge? Where has this been helpful or life-changing? Is there a separation between your faith life and your "regular life"?
 2. How do verses 1 through 9 help understand and apply this thought?
 3. How can parents bring up their kids in the training and instruction of the Lord? Is this focus the same focus that most parents have? How can this be the focus of our families?
 4. How can parents "exasperate" (verse 4) (provoke to anger, stir up anger, frustrate, etc.) their children? What are some triggers that bring this on? How is the condition of the heart related to this? (**What's inside of you comes out of you.** - Dave Rizer) How can we overcome these times?
 5. How does our relationship and commitment to Jesus affect our parenting? Work relationships?
 6. How can being committed to our marriages and family relationships impact kids? How can it impact the workplace?
 7. How does being committed to authentic community (this group) impact our parenting and marriage? How about your work? How should it?

8. Where do you need help or prayer the most in the area of marriage, parenting, or relationships? In your working life?

Apply It

9. What's one thing that you are going to take away from today that you thought was helpful? What's one thing you can do this week to put that to work? How can we help? End your group time in prayer.

Keep in mind this week:

There is some very difficult wording in this section of Ephesians. Read and lead with grace. We have to keep in mind that times were different when Paul was writing this letter. He was also under house arrest chained to a Roman guard. He may not have had the complete freedom to write or speak as he may have wanted. We do not know why things are written the way they are. We do know this: Slavery in any form throughout history - even today - is not God's will or design. It undermines the value of life. This does not mean that we cannot learn from this passage. If we adjust our mindset to think about employer & employee then we can gain some valuable insight for our lives. It doesn't mean we, Paul, or God are ok with slavery - it's the exact opposite actually. It means that the message of the Gospel can impact & influence every area of life. Though hard for us to see and grasp with the language we see & the history we understand, Paul was actually advocating for greater equality, respect, & help for all. The Gospel brings freedom & help for all. We must never forget that and always advocate for the equality & love of all people.