

## **“The Connected Family – Part I”**

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How does a family connect?

How does a family stay connected beyond the “How are you?” question?

The relational skills in the Bible can alter your family and neighborhood to a better future!

Will you take the steps?

1. CONSIDER those in your family and friendship base. Hebrews 10:24, I Peter 5:7

“To think about; reflect on; PAY ATTENTION to.”

2. BUILD emotional bonds with those in your family. Romans 12:15

### **How To:**

- Get in touch with your own emotions
- Look into their eyes (our eyes reveal the state of our heart and soul)
- Listen deeply - James 1:19

# GraceRiver Church Small Group Study Guide

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What do you remember the most about these TV families?

Cleavers / Flintstones / Tanners (Full House) / Camdens (7th Heaven)

How would you summarize the teaching Sunday? What part was most impacting and what will you do with it this week?

From the book *“Top 10 Relational Needs”*, Chapter 2 (the list is page 38 with definitions listed all through the chapter), what do you believe might be your top 2-3 needs?

What would meeting these needs look like? Give an example when one of your needs has been met and it touched your heart and soul.

Read Ephesians 5:21-6:4 and make any observations:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Did you notice that Ephesians 5:21 speaks of everyone being submissive? Ephesians 5:22 and 5:25 are then expressions or ways to live submissively. How does a husband loving his wife fulfill the command to be submissive? What impact would love like that have on a wife?

What does love look like in this passage?

What would be the goal of a Christ-centered marriage (5:31)? Answer that in language that makes sense to you and has clear direction to it (don't just quote the scripture!!)

What qualities would characterize a home where parents and children lived the reality of Ephesians 6:1-4? Put some thought into this one. What would a home look like? How would the family relate? Would it be a safe house? Why? What would make it safe?

Make a list of the ways a family should behave from this scripture passage. What are the actions that should be taken?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What qualities would you like to add to your family environment that are in this scripture, either stated or implied?

Have you taken time to begin to work through the *Top 10 Relational Needs* workbook?