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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Transcendent  
Colossians 3:18-21  
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God's Design for the Family

Prayer Requests

### **Group Discussion: What are the characteristics of a family that fully follows Jesus?**

Read Aloud Colossians 3:18-21

- 1.<sup>18</sup>Wives, be subject to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord. The word subject denotes a ranking of priorities or assuming a role. Why do you think God designed the family this way? Why do you think wives might have a hard time following the leadership of their husbands?
- 2.<sup>19</sup>Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them. See also Ephesians 5:25. How are men commanded to love their wives? Why is this so difficult for some men? What does it look like to lead sacrificially?
- 3.<sup>20</sup>Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. See also Ephesians 6: 1-3. Do your children know why obedience is important? Have you been successful in communicating the importance of obedience?
- 4.<sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart. See also Ephesians 6:4. How do **you** model obedience? What are the memories your children have about how you as a husband/wife treat your spouse? What do you think of the statement, "more is caught than taught"?

What are at least two specific practices you can put into place to strengthen your family?