

Read Colossians 3:12-21

1. Looking at verse 12, what are the elements that Paul is imploring us to make evident in our lives? Why would these be vital to our family life?
2. Why is forgiveness so important?
3. Do you find it more difficult to forgive those in your family? Why or Why not?
4. Do you prioritize spiritual teaching in your family? What does that look like on a day to day basis?
5. According to verse 17, how does Paul encourage us to interact with our world?
6. How can you have this mindset within your family?
7. Verses 18-21 give specific instruction to various roles within our families. Which role do you most closely identify with in your family? How do you live out this instruction in your life?
8. What is one thing that you need to stop/start to fulfil your family role?

Read 2 Timothy 2:2

9. Life is not to be done in isolation. Paul had invested in Timothy, with a community of witnesses around. Who is investing in you, so that you know how to invest in your families?

10. How does Paul encourage a “generational” approach to investing in the lives of others?

11. How can we create this generational investment in our families?

12. What is one thing you can do to be more intentional in your investment in your family?

Action Steps:

Personal Study

Review the passages below this week regarding family priorities.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Proverbs 4:1-27

Proverbs 22:6

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

1 Peter 3:1-7

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Your Family Priorities

Your family is more than just you. This week set aside time to speak with your family and come up with at least 3 priorities for your family. These are the things that you are going to invest your time, efforts, and resources as a family. If these priorities are not currently evident in your family life, come up with a plan to integrate them. Start with one and see where that takes you.