

“Family Dynamics”

Ephesians 6:5,9

Discussion Questions

The three most _____ groups:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The three _____ groups:

1. The husband-wife relationship

- The husband is to _____ his wife _____, as Christ loves the Church. (Eph. 5:25,28,29)
- The wife is to _____ her husband and _____ to him, as to the Lord. (Eph. 5:22,33)

2. The parent-child relationship

- The parent is to be _____ and provide _____ and _____. (Eph. 5:4)
- The child is to be _____ while still at home, and _____ at all times. (Eph. 5:1-3)

3. The master-slave relationship

- The slave is to bring glory to _____ by his/her _____ and _____. (Eph. 6:5-8)
- The master is to _____ the slave like he/she wants to be _____ by _____. (Eph. 6:9; Philemon 1:10-16)

1. Describe the family “dynamics” of the home you grew up in. What did you like about it? What didn’t you like about it?

2. What is the worst job you have ever had? Why?

3. Take some time to talk about what it must be like to be a slave. Now stop and pray for those enslaved around the world, praying for both their spiritual and physical deliverance.

4. Read Philemon—yes the WHOLE thing. :-) Talk about what you observe, especially the roles of the apostle Paul, Philemon, and Onesimus. Who do you think had the most challenging role in this situation? Why? (“Onesimus” means “useful.” Note Paul's play on words in vv. 10,11.)

5. Review your sermon notes, making comments about all three of the family relationships in the first century. Talk about the challenges and joys of following God’s guidance in each of these three relationships. Who do you think has the hardest role in the first-century family? Why?

6. That’s it. You’ve worked hard enough. :-)



September 15, 2024
Pastor Perry Alexander
Real Christianity

New to Kailua Community Church? Let’s get acquainted!

