



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

## Far From the Home I Love

### **Four ways we can pray for our children:**

1. Lord, HELP us to be **UNITED**.  
How do children "divide and conquer" parents? How can parents remain united, and what benefit is that to our marriage and children?  
*Romans 15:5; Mark 3:25; 1 Corinthians 1:10*
  
2. Lord, GIVE them the **RIGHT FRIENDS**.  
How do those with whom we choose to spend our time with shape our values, character, and decisions? As our children begin to prefer the company of their same-age peers, how can we be effective with the time we spend together? How can we encourage them to choose healthy, positive friendships?  
*1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 12:26*
  
3. Lord, TEACH them **YOUR WISDOM**.  
One of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal for imparting wisdom onto our children is to share the STORIES of how God has worked wonders in our own lives. These stories testify to the trustworthiness of God and will provide many years of encouragement in our children's lives. What testimony, or God story, has impacted you? What God story will you share with your children?  
*Proverbs 9:10; Psalm 102:18; James 1:5*
  
4. Lord, HELP me to **LET GO**.  
Why is it so scary to "let go" of our kids as they enter adulthood? How does your relationship with them change? Do you believe that God's plans for your children are better than your plans for them? What can we, as parents, do to prepare ourselves and our children for this adjustment?  
*John 3:30; Philippians 1:6; Jeremiah 29:11*

### **What's Next**

- The greatest gift we can give to our children is to pray for them. Make a daily habit of praying for your children.
- Take advantage of your time with them; to share your stories of God's goodness, and to listen to what they are willing to share with you.
- Be united with your spouse as you parent your children. That may mean sitting down and discussing/strategizing how to get on the same page.