Household of Faith
Part 4: Living Like King's Kids
LG Discussion
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Ice Breaker

How many of you were the kind of young person that you could not wait to move out of your parents house? Why?

Background

As the Apostle Paul moves into **Galatians 4**, he opens the chapter with a great picture of how we come to faith, using the theme of the book and the struggle that the Galatian believers were dealing with due to false teachers. Namely, that nothing should be added to the salvation experience as a kind of pre-requisite to saving faith. We have learned in our study that it is Christ alone, plus nothing. Not works, good deeds, or keeping the Law of God in any form, completes our salvation.

He uses the child/guardian relationship to explain the difference between our spiritual immaturity as a child and our eventual spiritual maturity when we come of age and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Key Scriptures: Galatians 4:1-5, Luke 2:39-40, 52

- 1. Can you share when you realized the difference between the 'elementary [man-made religious or philosophical] teachings of the world' (Galatians 4:3), and a Biblical world view?
- 2. Ps Randy promised to share supplemental teaching to the message from part 4 of Household of Faith. The rest of this Life Group lesson comes from that material.
- 3. Jesus was raised in an observant Jewish home. The passage below gives us insight into this.

39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

52 And Jesus increased in <u>wisdom</u> and <u>stature</u>, and in favor <u>with God</u> and <u>men</u>. Luke 2

Jesus grew four ways; Intellectually - Physically - Spiritually - Relationally

Spend some time now as a group discussing these four ways to help children and grandchildren to grow up today.

- 4. If we are going to live like King's Kids and raise up a generation of King's Kids who can help a lost and hurting world, there are some pre-requisites we must embrace. The four points below are helpful.
- 1. Get Clear on What it Means to be a Christian (discuss what this means to you with your group)

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors. God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God.'

2 Corinthians 5

Is there someone you are building a relationship of trust with so that you can share the gospel?

2. Join the Fight of Faith (discuss what this means to you with your group)

12 For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in heavenly places. Ephesians 6

With Galatians 4:3, also in mind, do you know people who are without any biblical worldview?

3. Get Trained (what is the best training you have received in becoming a more confident Christian?)

16 All scripture is God breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3

At Central Life we believe in the inherent, inspired, authority of the Word of God. Can you give an example of how you share your belief in the Word of God with friends or work associates?

4. Move Forward in Love

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love.

1 John 4

It is seldom a good idea to argue about the Bible with others. Relational equity and trust comes by way of love. There's a great saying in leadership, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." Sharing the truth about God, the Bible, and a personal relationship with Jesus is very non-threatening when conveyed in love.

Share a time when you witnessed God's love softening a person's heart to accept the message of the gospel.

Pray

Pray for each other to be bold and courageous. The true Gospel is the greatest News ever! People in our lives who do not know Jesus personally, deserve to know how much God loves them! Pray for the family of Central Life (Household of Faith). Pray for our friends and family as they come into our church that they would know they are in a safe, welcoming, accepting place.

Our memory verse this week:

Galatians 4:4-5