

# Real Family

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### Discussion and Questions:

1. Describe your family. Parents, siblings, spouse or partner, children etc. Is it what you thought it would be?
2. Where do people get their family ideals from? Is it intrinsic in us or is it a learned thing? Explain your answer.
3. Colossians 3:18-21 is a clear-cut list of instructions for family members. What sort of response do they invoke in you? Why do you think that is?
4. Clint said the tendency with having a high ideal for family life is to pull it down closer to our current reality in order that we may feel better about our situation. Why do you think that is? Why do we not see a higher ideal and try and aim for it instead?
5. (Sensitivity alert.) What does the way Jesus handled the test from the Pharisees in Matthew 19:3-8 ultimately tell us about grace? How can we reconcile a God-given “rule” (vs 6) with His refusal to condemn those who do not keep it?
6. Despite what the reality may be for many families, do you agree that deep down we all still want the high ideal for those coming along behind us? What do you want for those in your world and how can you help make that happen?

### Upcoming dates:

- Mothers Day – Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Financial Peace University – Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Team Night and LIFEgroups leaders night – Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>