

Series: "The Family Four: Four Principles for Building Healthy Families"

Sunday Message: "Healthy Families Aren't Stingy with Grace"

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Icebreaker:

What is one family memory that you would categorize as a "grace-filled moment"? How did it impact you?

Sermon in a Sentence:

When we show grace in our families, it reflects God's grace to the world.

General Discussion [Groups of 4]:

Healthy families have a good grasp of their purpose in the Lord: to reflect God's love to the world around them. Despite this, it can be difficult to do when our family experiences hurt or sin. Let's focus our small group time on understanding how we can extend grace to those closest to us, even when things are tough.

Read Ephesians 4:32

1. How can the forgiveness we receive from God through Christ inspire our forgiveness towards family members?

Read Romans 15:7

2. How can accepting and showing grace to our family members bring glory to God?

Read Colossians 3:12-14

3. Why do you think forgiveness is emphasized so much in the Scriptures? How does practicing forgiveness within the family reflect God's greater plan/purpose for our families?
4. Which of these six virtues do you find most difficult to show to your family? Why?
5. Why do you think Paul uses the imagery of "clothing" when describing these virtues? How does this imagery relate to our interactions with family?
6. How does understanding how "the Lord forgave you" influence your approach to forgiving family members?

Application Discussion.

7. Identify one or two specific ways we can live out the virtues in Colossians 3:12-14, especially forgiveness and love, in our daily interactions with family?
8. How can you show someone in your family some extra grace this week?

Please pray for one another that God's purpose for your family would be done!