

Series: The Family Four
Message #3: "Caring For Your Family"
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Icebreaker:

Recall a time when your parents (or someone else) went "above and beyond" providing for you either physically, spiritually, or emotionally.

The "sermon in a sentence:"

Care for your family as God cares for you.

General Discussion: Read & Discuss in Groups of 4

1. Read Matt 7:7-11. Why do you think God values perseverance in prayer so much?
2. Do you struggle with perseverance in your prayer life? Share your thoughts.
3. Did your parents make you work for the things you wanted? Share an example. What did that experience teach you?
4. Read John 6:35. Here Jesus reminds us that only he can satisfy our deep spiritual longings. What are some ways we help our kids (or friends, etc.) understand that Jesus is the "bread of life"?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. Here Paul reminds us how important our personal example is. Who in your life has inspired you with their example?

Gospel-Centered Discussion:

1. Read Psalm 116:2. What are your thoughts on this passage?
2. Read John 11:33-35. Here we see Jesus experiencing empathy. What does it mean to you that Jesus experiences the same emotions you do?
3. How can Jesus' example of empathy influence your interactions with your kids, friends, or others in your life?

Application & Prayer:

Your family has physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. Which do you feel strongest at providing? Which do you feel weakest? And what new steps can you take this week to care for your family spiritually as God cares for you? Then pray for one another.