

# JOINING JESUS AS A FAMILY

## Video 4: True Identity - Jesus' #1 Discipling Priority

Book Chapters 6-9

1 John 3:1

### Group Discussion:

- 1) Share a story of what happened as you put one of your insights from last time into action to benefit your family.
- 2) Jesus died on the cross and rose again to take away your family's sin and to restore your true identity, value, and purpose.

Because of Jesus, what is your true identity? "We are..."

Because of Jesus, what do you have of value to offer others? "We have..."

Because of Jesus, what is your true purpose every day? "We get to..."

- 3) The Finkes refer to "the things of the Kingdom" as superpowers from God. Why are things like love, joy, and kindness superpowers?
- 4) Why is it important to raise your children to be convinced of their true identity, value, and purpose? How will that benefit them?
- 5) As parents, you not only want your children to know these truths in their heads, but to be convinced of them in their hearts. According to Jesus, how can you make that connection between your children's heads and hearts?
- 6) What does it mean to "practice remembering"?

As a group, write a draft of a family cheer-creed.

Later, at home, write one with your family and have fun making it your own.

- 7) Do you agree that experiencing love = feeling valued? Why or why not?
- 8) For better or worse, children experience the Father's love most tangibly through their parents, and that experience deeply affects their ability to understand and trust his love as they grow into adulthood.

How has the way you experienced love through your parents affected how you understand and trust the Father's love today?

- 9) Is it easy or not so easy for you to express unconditional love to your children?

What can you do to demonstrate unconditional love to your children in a more intentional and consistent way?

### **Wrap Up:**

What insights came to you during this session? How can you immediately put the insights into action to benefit your family? (Remember, whatever Jesus gives you to do, he enables you to do by grace.)

Is there an insight or question on which you want to continue reflecting and journaling?

Go around the group and ask, "How can we help each other in prayer?" Then have each person or couple pray for the next.