

Talk it Over: “Perfect” Family September 16 & 17, 2023

Key Scriptures

John 1:14-17

Proverbs 22:6

Romans 5:8

Matthew 17:20

Key Thought

God’s love for us is set.

Start Thinking

What kind of parenting did you experience as a kid? How did that influence your faith?

Start Talking

How are you doing at applying the main points from the previous messages in this series?

-Mutual submission- What can I do to help?

-Conflict- I’m not getting what I want. What slice of the conflict can I own?

-Difficult people- We’ve been given the ministry of reconciliation.

Start Sharing

1. What stuck out to you from this message?

2. Jesus prioritized relationship over rules. What evidence do we have of that?

3. We often compare our families and relationships to those of others and “where comparison begins, contentment ends.” In what areas of your life does comparison steal joy and peace? How can we stop comparing?

4. Jesus was full of grace and full of truth. What might it look like to be full of grace and full of truth in our parenting or another relationship?

5. Think of someone that you would want to follow as they follow Jesus. What about that person makes you want to follow them?

6. Read Romans 5:8 God’s love for you is set! You don’t have to earn it! Who in your life right now needs to know that your love for them is set? How can you show that this week?

Start Praying

God, thank you for your love for us which is set. You did all the work! Thank you for your call for us to love others well. We need your help with that and your grace in that. As we think of the gap between the ideal and the real in our families and relationships, we thank you that you are in that with us and that your grace covers us. We know that nothing is impossible with you, and we pray that you will move mountains in our families, Lord Jesus. ~Amen

Start Doing

Read Matthew 17:20 Think of your “mountain” that you want God to move. What ideal can you pray for this week even with faith as small as a mustard seed?