



Life Group Work Sheet

Ancient Wisdom For The Modern Family

Ephesians 6:1-4

June 1, 2014

Getting to Know Each Other

1. Do you have any exciting summer plans? What are they?

Into the Text

2. **Read Eph. 6:1-3:** Here Paul addresses children and how they can be “filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18). Thinking back on Pastor Kurt’s sermon, what is one thing about children obeying their parents that stuck out to you?
 - a. **Read Exod. 20:12.** Paul quotes this passage to support his argument that children should honor their parents. Did you (do you) ever find it difficult to obey and honor your parents? Why? Give an example and how you would act differently now.
 - b. We often think of these verses referring to young children, but they can also apply to our relationships with aging parents. What does it look like for a Christian to honor their aging parents?
 - c. Consider your own situation. Share one or two tangible ways that you can honor your parents today.
3. Honoring and obeying your parents can sometimes be difficult for good reason. What counsel would you give to someone facing the following situations?

- a. A high schooler wants to attend church camp to learn more about God but their father (a non-Christian) doesn’t want them to do so.
 - b. You are given a job offer that will take you far from your parents who are in poor physical health and have grown accustomed to seeing you and their grandchildren consistently.
4. **Read Eph. 6:4.** According to this verse, what is one of the primary purposes of families?
 - a. Share with one another one or two ways that you helped teach your children about Jesus. (For those without children, do you have any ideas on how you would do so?)
 - b. For those of you with children, do you have any parenting regrets? How does the grace of God help you to deal with these regrets?
 5. Consider the following situations and share how you would respond in each situation:
 - a. A friend of yours became a Christian after a messy divorce that left his children bitter and distant. How does he begin to bring up his children in the way of the Lord?
 - b. A single mother is struggling with how to discipline her children. How would you counsel her?