

LifeConnect Group Discussion Questions

“THE MISSING PEACE: PEACE WITH YOUR FAMILY” – Ephesians 6.1-4 **September 30, 2018**

Ice breaker: What television family do you think best reflects your family? (Examples might be the Flintstones, Bradys, Simpsons, etc.)

Read Ephesians 6.1-4.

1. When your family has conflict, does it get dealt with right away or swept under the rug for a while? Which is healthier?
2. What does it mean to honour your parents? How has the promise that goes with that commandment worked for you?
3. Have you ever provoked your children to anger by the way you have treated them? What did you learn from that experience?
4. What does it look like for parents to bring up their children with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord?
5. If you have raised children with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord, what advice would you give to parents attempting to do so today?
6. Read Galatians 5.22-26 and Philippians 4.4-9. How can these passages help to make your family a model of God's love?

For further reflection:

- What is God saying to you in the passage about your family situation? Reflect on how you could improve in treating your parents or your children.
- Consider the vows we take at the baptism of our children, and discuss their meaning and implications:
 - Do you believe in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit? *(Response: I believe.)*
 - Do you trust in God's grace and mercy, which none of us can earn or deserve? *(Response: I do.)*
 - Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world? *(Response: I do.)*
 - Do you renounce any thought or behaviour that separates you from God? *(Response: I do.)*
 - Who is your Lord and Saviour? *(Response: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour.)*
 - Do you promise, in dependence on the Holy Spirit, to grow in your Christian faith by regularly attending worship, growing in community with God's people, and sharing your faith with others? *(Response: I do.)*
 - Do you promise to raise your child in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ by teaching him/her the faith in a Christian home, and by regularly bringing him/her to church? *(Response: We do.)*