

Christ In Colossians

Life Group Questions – December 5, 2010

Pastor Steve – Children & Parents

Connect

1. What kind of child were you growing up? Did you obey your parents or did you push the limits? Explain.

Study

1. Why do you think the Bible almost always address the husband/wife relationship before it addresses the parent/child relationship?

2. According to Colossians 3:20, what is God's wisdom for "children"? What about children who no longer live at home (cf. Exodus 20:12)?

3. What does "obey" mean? Are there ever exceptions to this? How is this different from "honor"?

4. Even though the word "fathers" in Colossians 3:21 can be translated as "parents" and this surely applies to both moms and dads, why do you think Paul chose to especially address fathers here?

5. Steve gave eight ways parents can "embitter" their children. Which ones resonated with you either from your past or in the present? Which of these do you need to work most in your relationship with your children? *How* will you do this?

6. Steve explained that a "healthy cycle" can occur when parents and children are living out their God-given roles in the family. How does this cycle break down in your family? How can you make sure it doesn't in the future?

7. What is your biggest take-away this week?

Pray

Prayer requests – how can you specifically pray for each other this week?