



Grace Group Guide



United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...

- Scripture:** Be in the Word together
- Encouragement:** One another each other
- Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost
- Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!



-Ice Breaker-

- What is an example of something you wish you had listened to your parents about when you were younger, but didn't because you only realized the wisdom of what they were saying later in life?
 - **Transition:** Today, we're going to look at what Scripture has to say about the parent-child relationship. We have all fallen short in this area. Children often fail to honor their parents and obey them. Parents often fail to parent their children in a Christlike way. As we read these passages - whether you are a child or a parent - consider how you can grow in this area.

-Discussion-

Read Colossians 3:20-21 and Ephesians 6:1-4

- Both passages say that children are to honor their parents and to obey them. Why?
 - **Possible Answers:**
 - It is pleasing to the Lord (Col. 3:20)
 - It is right thing (Eph. 6:1)
 - It is an act of submission
- What are fathers told to do? And why?
 - **Possible Answers:**
 - Not to embitter (Col. 3:21) or frustrate (Eph. 6:1) their children, because this will discourage them
 - To bring them up in the training/instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4)
- How are both actions forms of submission? How do both reflect Christ's humility? **Read Phil. 2:1-11 again.**

-Reflection-

- Why is it hard for us to follow these verses? Why is it hard to honor, respect, and obey parents? Why is it hard to raise children in the instruction of the Lord?
- What are some good examples you have seen of this parent-child relationship?
- What would it look like for you to follow Paul's words this week? Children, how can you honor your parents? Parents, how can you deal with your children more gently, and how can you bring them up in the teaching of the Lord?

-Application-

- We all have fallen short in this area. Children, ask your parents for forgiveness if you have not honored them well. Parents, ask your children for forgiveness in the areas where you have aggravated them in the past.
 - If nothing comes to mind, you may want to find time to talk to your parents/children and ask them!
- Commit to following through on one thing you came up with earlier to honor your parents and/or parent your children the way this passage describes.

-Pray-

- Parents, pray for your children. Children, pray for your parents. Everyone, pray for other families that you know.
- Ask the Lord to reveal where you have fallen short in this area, and to help you grow!