



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 1/6/21 *If anyone in your family*

needs a Bible, please contact the office, kingsfordag@yahoo.com or 774-7631 ext. 7.

An important lesson this week: How can we be like Jesus in our homes?

We don't have many stories in the Bible about Jesus' life at home growing up but that doesn't mean we can't learn from Jesus about how to treat our families. Let's take a look at how God asks us to treat others... **READ**

& DISCUSS: Read Exodus 20:1-17 or in *The Beginner's Bible* pgs 120-123.

- Why does God mention their slavery (vs 2) before giving the 10 commands?
- Why do you think God says He is a jealous God?
- Do your sins only affect yourself, or do they affect your families as well?
- When we follow His commandments, how are our families affected?
- According to verse 5 & 6, does God focus more on sin or love?
- Who is included in the commandment to rest one day per week? (vs 10)



MEMORIZE: Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the LORD, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'-which is the first commandment with a promise- 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'"

Here's the link to a Bible Memory Verse song:

<https://youtu.be/iR9Ttm5qWp8>

HAVE FUN:

Option A: Play "Simon says" to practice listening and obeying. Focus on choosing commands that show love to God and one another.

Option B: Draw a picture of what you think your life might be like when you're 95 years old.



APPLY IT: Pay close attention to your behaviors:

Step 1: Keep a piece of paper handy to keep tally of your behaviors.

Step 2: Divide the paper in half; one side to record good behavior and the opposite side to record bad behavior

Step 3: Whenever you notice yourself listening and respecting someone in your house make a smiley face or check mark on the side for good behavior. But whenever you notice yourself not listening or respecting someone else in your house make a sad face or check mark on the side for good behavior.

DEPTH CHALLENGE:

Read all of Ephesians chapters 5 & 6 and discuss how the beginning of chapter 5 all the way through the end of chapter 6 is trying to teach a bigger lesson than just wanting children to obey their parents. Then close your eyes and imagine what a day or week in your life might be like if everyone in your house treated each other in the way God is asking us to. Now pick one of the noticeable changes you imagined YOU can do and implement simple strategies to change your behavior.

Life Enrichment

- In what way or ways does Paul provide Christian families with a “Theory of Everything” in Ephesians 5:21-6:9?
- After reading the passage, what words, phrases, and ideas stand out to you? Why?
- Why do you think Paul’s statements about wifely submission are so controversial to modern readers?
- Does our society offer a better model of family than Paul? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Paul views Christlikeness as the framework for the healthiest families?
- In what ways are Paul’s instructions innovative regarding gender roles? The way we relate to others in our families?
- Why do you think Paul places so much stress on the husband loving the wife? How does this make it easier for the wife to submit?
- How does the husband’s responsibility to love set the tone for all of family life?
- How can you encourage implementation of Paul’s Christlike framework in your family this week?

Text

Ephesians 5:21, NIV

Christ Sightings in Ephesians 5:21-6:9

- When we tackle a passage of Scripture, it is helpful to look for _____ phrases, ideas, and words.

- Every family member is called upon to relate in _____ ways to all others.
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Christlikeness in Marriage

- *Why is the command to submit so controversial to modern readers?*

- Paul is _____ regarding gender roles.

- A husband's innovative leadership will make the wife's _____.