



GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **SEPTEMBER 13**

Church Life: Body, Temple, Family

Ephesians 6:1-9 | Bringing the Spirit-Filled Life Home

Icebreakers!

1. What's one of your favorite moments with your parents? and if you have kids, with them?
2. What was the best place you've worked, either as an employee or as a boss? Why?

Growing Together

3. **Study Ephesians 6:1-9 on the next page.** What explains the common colors? How do the different roles share things in common with one another?
4. Why does trusting in Jesus change the default orientation of a child towards his parents to obedience? Why does Paul quote the fifth of the Ten Commandments here?
5. Why are parents prone to making their kids angry? What makes *nourishing* kids such a contrast to that warning?
6. What kind of teaching is important for Christian parents to give their children? What kinds of correction are important the same way—without overly frustrating them?
7. What about *being a Christian* enables us to serve our bosses as we would Christ, regardless of the kind of boss we work for? When have you had to commit to doing God's will in your work with a good will and from the heart?
8. How often do you think of what you'll receive back from the Lord for whatever good you do in your work? What would that perspective change for you?
9. Do bosses often let their role in authority go to their heads? How should Christian bosses be different from godless ones?
10. How will bosses have to answer to God for their actions one day? What needs to take the place of a typical boss's threatenings or sharp warnings?
11. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

12. Kids: when is it hardest to obey your parents? With God's help, how will you obey them?
13. Parents: how do your kids need to be nourished, trained in Christ, and corrected?
14. Workers: if Jesus was your boss tomorrow, what would you do differently for Him?
15. Bosses: if God calls you before His throne on Tuesday, what will He say about how you led those you were set over on Monday?

Ephesians 5:22-33

Children,

obey your parents in the Lord,

for this is *right*.

“Honor your father and mother”

(this is the first commandment
with a promise),

*“that it may go well with you
and that you may live long in the land.”*

Bondservants,

obey your earthly masters

with fear and trembling,

with a sincere heart,

as you would Christ,

not by the way of eye-service,

as people-pleasers,

but as bondservants of Christ,

doing the will of God from the heart,

rendering service with a good will

as to the Lord and not to man,

knowing that whatever good anyone does,

this he will receive back from the Lord,

whether he is a bondservant or is free.

Fathers,

do not provoke your children to anger,

but bring them up (*nourish them*)

in the DISCIPLINE and INSTRUCTION
of the Lord.

Masters, do the same to them,

and stop your threatening,

knowing that

he who is both their Master and yours

is in heaven, and that

there is no partiality with him.