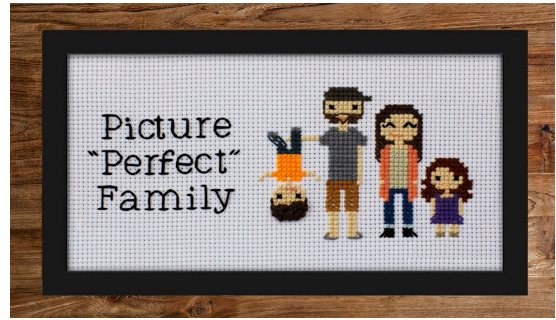


SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Picture Perfect Family - Week 1



CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- How would you describe your family?
- Where does the idea come from that our families need to be *picture perfect*? Can you think of a family photo that looks good, but there was actually more than meets the eye going on before or after the photo?
- Read Colossians 3:11-15 (back).
- What would it mean if *perfect* was never God's goal for our families? What could replace a goal of perfection for you?
- How does it feel knowing that God's love is perfect, so you don't have to be?

PRAY

God of grace, we thank you for our families, for the people you place in our lives to love and to care. We know that sometimes these relationships can be hard, lead us and guide us. In your son's name, Amen.



BIBLE READINGS

Colossians 3:11-15

11 ... but Christ is all, and is in all.

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

