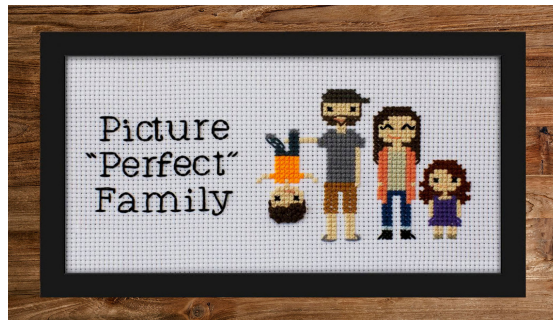


SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Picture Perfect Family - Week 2



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 does loss affect families? If you're willing to share, how has it affected your family?
- What would it look like to care for family wounds, in the same way we care for physical wounds? How could we more openly talk about hurts, losses and regrets that never show up in our "perfect" pictures.
- Read Colossians 3:11-15 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (back).
- Rather than a place for "perfection," how could family be place for compassion? What about forgiveness and patience?
- How could you spend more time focusing on family this week?

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.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **8** Love never fails.

