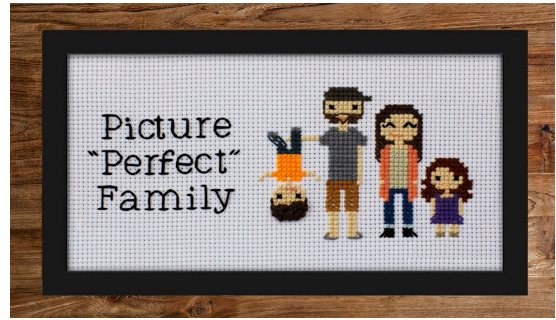


SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Picture Perfect Family - Week 3



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

- Where are you likely to categorize "those" people in your life? Family, work, school? Why do we create a strong division between *us* and *them*?
- When in life have you felt "right" in your answer but were actually "wrong" in your approach? What made you realize that?
- How does pride get in the way of our ability to love? Read Luke 18:9-14 and John 13:33-35. How could you create a cycle of love?
- What would it look like to start a relationship from "I'm forgiven" rather than "I'm right?"

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

Luke 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: **10** “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ **13** “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ **14** “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

John 13:33-35

33 “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. **34** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

