LIFE with GOD

MESSAGE STUDY GUIDE

MARCH 26 | PARENTED & PARENTING

MESSAGE NOTES

Note big ideas, supporting passages, and important takeaways related to spiritual formation:

SERMON WRAP-UP QUESTIONS

Immediately following the sermon, answer these questions:

What did you learn from this sermon relating to the theme of spiritual formation?

What are several practical steps you could take to grow spiritually based on what you heard from the sermon?

PRAYEXPLOREAPPLY

**Disciples of Jesus are children of God,
which is to be evident in our parenting.**

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2. What does it look like practically to honor/obey our parents? Is there a difference between honoring and obeying? Does honoring and obeying our parents look different as we age and move through the seasons of life? If yes, what changes and what does not change in terms of honoring/obeying our parents?

3. As a child of the parents (or a parent) who parented and raised you, do you feel content with the honor you have shown to them? What would you like to change or do differently as you look back at the past and think about your relationship today? Would your parents say they felt honored by you?

4. How does being a child of God help inform the relationship between parent and child? In other words, as we think about our relationship with God the Father what transferable aspects of our relationship with God apply to the parent/child relationship?

5. In emphasizing these passages, we often downplay or minimize the commands aimed at parents, specifically the father. What instruction is given to the parents? What does it look like practically to live out what is commanded of parents?

6. How would you teach these verses to a young follower of Jesus? What would you say to the child who has an unhealthy relationship with dysfunctional parents? What comfort or encouragement would you give them as you instruct them to honor and obey their parents?

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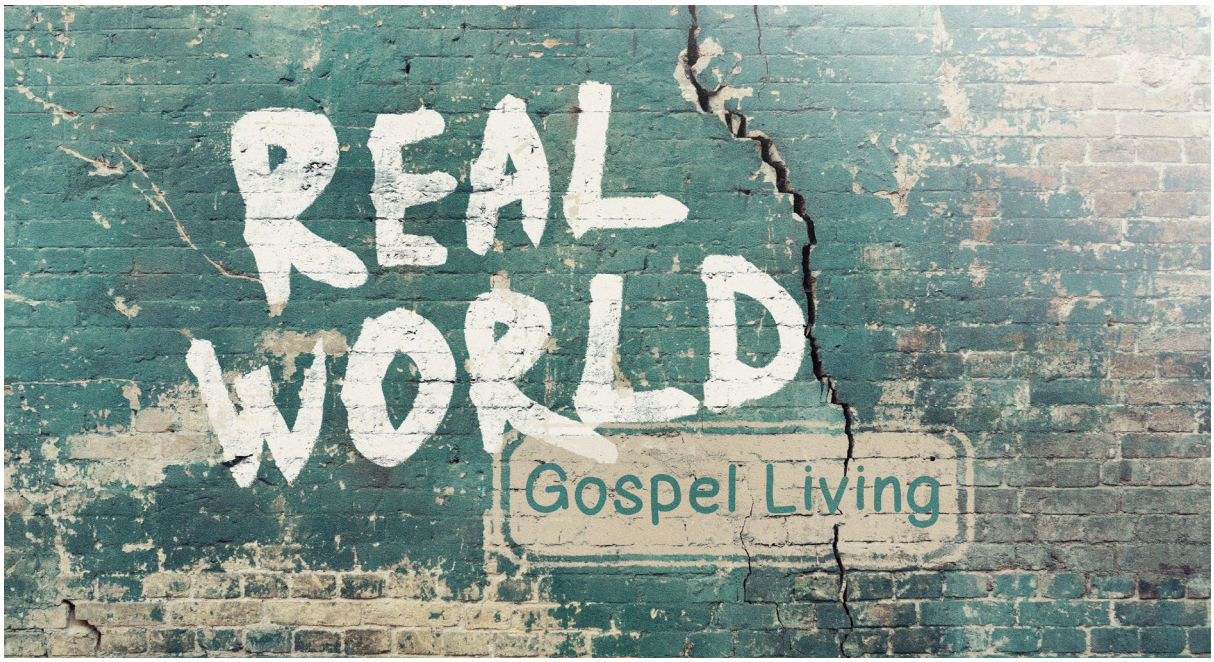

Real World Gospel Living

People have been asking this important question for centuries, "What is the gospel?" We're told to hear and believe the gospel, but what does that mean? Furthermore, we're supposed to obey the gospel and live a gospel-centered life. What does that look like? This class lays the foundation for understanding the gospel and learning what it means to live it out in every aspect of our lives.

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