

Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
Week of September 22nd, 2019
“Building Worship in The Family”
Deuteronomy 5:12-15 & Mathew 6:1-18

OVERVIEW

How can we build a culture of worship in our homes? Central to worship is the Sabbath – a “holy” day in which we are to dedicate exclusively to the Lord. In our busyness, how can we prioritize and honor the Sabbath as a family?

ICEBREAKER

What do you like to do to relax, take it easy, or unwind?

BIBLE: Read Deuteronomy 5:12-15

1. What event is the Sabbath based upon? What example are we to follow? (See Exodus 20:11)
2. Why does God command that all (family members, servants, livestock) are to take the Sabbath?
3. The Sabbath is to be “holy” or “set apart.” What does it mean that the Sabbath is distinct from all other days?
4. Is the Sabbath simply a day of rest? What are some other purposes of the Sabbath for us to remember?

BIBLE: Read Mathew 6:1-18

1. What three key areas does Jesus speak about regarding how we ought to “practice our righteousness?”
2. How are we to “hide” our righteousness from others?
3. For what purpose are we to engage in righteous acts?

APPLICATION

1. The Sabbath is a day set apart for worship and rest, and it plays a key role in structuring how we worship as a family. How can we create a culture in our family where the Sabbath is prioritized and celebrated? What kind of changes can we make in our schedule in order to make worship central in our family?
2. In our frantic and busy world, how is the Sabbath counter-cultural? What does the Sabbath teach us about trusting God?
3. In our individualistic culture, the Sabbath has often been interpreted as “my time off.” However, the Sabbath has always been family and community focused. What are some practical ways we can practice the Sabbath as a family?
4. Take out your guitar or ukulele, or dust off your piano and sing a worship song together as an Ohana!

PRAY

1. Pray that families will be able to cultivate a culture of worship in their homes
2. Pray that families will be able to prioritize and honor the Sabbath together.

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Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
Week of August 25th, 2019
“Winning the King’s Favor” Esther 2:8-18

OVERVIEW

The coronation of a young Jewish girl named Esther as queen of Persia begins to show God’s sovereign power to oversee the protection of His people who had been taken into exile from Israel. This story of Esther depicts remarkable faith and endurance, as she meets the king to win his favor.

ICEBREAKER

If invited for a private audience with somebody famous (politician, celebrity, athlete, theologian, scientist), what questions would you pose? How would you dress and prepare yourself?

BIBLE: Read Esther 2:8-18

1. What process did King Xerxes of Persia employ in order to decide on a wife?
2. Why did Mordecai forbid Esther to reveal her Jewish background (v. 10)?
3. What kind of “preparation” did Esther have to undertake to present herself to the king? How long did this preparation take?
4. How did Esther show patience and prudence in her decisions? What did she do that allowed her to win the king’s favor?

APPLICATION

1. How do you relate to this story (like Mordecai, like Esther)?
2. Like Esther, how does winning God’s favor cultivate your intimacy with God?
3. What do you need to do in order to “prepare” yourself when meeting the King of kings?
4. In what way does winning the king’s favor clarify my identity?
5. Discuss the tension between seeking the heart of the king over the splendor of his kingdom. What changes need to be made to seek His presence over His “presents”?
6. What you do not eradicate when you are strong will come back to attack you when you are weak. If you don’t deal with your enemy now your children will have to face your enemy tomorrow. What specific things do we need to do on our watch today to confront and defeat the enemy through Christ to grant our children and grandchildren a better future.
7. “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies” (Psa. 23:5). When the enemy is sitting at our table what should our response be?

PRAY

1. Pray that we may seek the “heart” of God, and not the “splendor” or “presents” of God’s Kingdom.
2. Pray that we may present ourselves to the King as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to Him.

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