

# Sermon Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES

### **Ephesians 5:20**

**20**giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

### **Ephesians 6:1-9**

#### *Children and Parents*

**1**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2**“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), **3**“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” **4**Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

#### *Bondservants and Masters*

**5**Bondservants,<sup>a</sup> obey your earthly masters<sup>b</sup> with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, **6**not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, **7**rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, **8**knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. **9**Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master<sup>c</sup> and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

- 1) Share a time that a relationship conflict did not go well at home or at work.
- 2) Share your thoughts on how Paul helps us understand the hard work of relationships in the text of Eph 6:1-9.
- 3) What is your "go to" reaction to conflict within a close relationship? Fight or flight? Share how you see it being good or not so good for bringing unity to the relationship.
- 4) What do you believe you need to grow in as it pertains to conflict within most of the relationships you have?
- 5) What is one thing you will do differently this week if you were to have a significant conflict in a relationship?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**