

# Family Group Midweek Lessons

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## Obedience & Selflessness

*This Family Group Bible-Talk is intended to supplement the December 1st sermon at the MSPCOC. Although having attended or listened to that lesson is helpful, it is not required to take part in the following discussion.*

### **Opening Activity:**

- Imagine the following scenario:
  - *You have a child who does what he is asked immediately and without question when they are asked things like to go eat some ice cream, go play video games, or go spend time with their friends*
  - *But when they are asked to do things like clean their room, do their homework, or help with the dishes, they complain, argue, procrastinate, and try to get out of doing it*
- Is that child obedient? Why or why not?
- Imagine that you had an employee or there was a soldier that obeyed when they liked what they were asked to do but refused to do what was asked or got a very bad attitude when they were asked to do something they don't like
- Would you consider that person to be a good employee or a good soldier?
- What is obedience? What does true obedience look like?

**Read: Hebrews 13:1-6**

### **Group Questions:**

- The author describes what true obedience to Jesus looks like in the form of selfless behavior

### **Love for the family**

- Why is it so important for believers to continue in love?
- In what areas of loving the body do you still need to grow in?

## **Hospitality**

- *Hospitality for the early Christians referred to the mindset of sharing possessions in the family of God and caring for all people*
- How can you grow in this aspect of your Christian life?
- *Some people, like Abraham, hosted angels without knowing and they benefited greatly from doing it—when we show hospitality we can also get great benefits*
- What are some of the benefits that we receive by being consistently thoughtful, sharing, and generous in the family of God?

## **Leaving No One Behind**

- It was a frequent thing for first century Christians to be thrown in jail so it was vital that they not forget about those that had and not take care of them (prisoners were given no supplies in a Roman jail and only had what outsiders brought to them in the prison)
  - Why do you think that caring for brothers and sisters in prison (and sometimes even interring oneself so that they did not have to be alone took place) was considered such an important aspect of their Christianity?
  - How can we put this type of principle and attitude to work in God's family in a modern context?

## **Marital Fidelity**

- How can poor marriages damage the entire body?

## **Self-sacrificial approach to money and possessions**

- How can greed and materialism harm the body of Christ?
  - What are your biggest struggles when it comes to materialism?
- What happens when we forget that either the things that can be shaken will be or that the things that cannot be shaken will not be?

## **Final Thoughts:**

- Why is selfless behavior and living in obedience to Christ absolutely necessary to the proper functioning of the body of Christ?



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