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Ideal Family

Part 1 – “Say Cheese”

February 3, 2019

Groups Questions

1. Describe your picture of the ideal family. What shaped your image of the ideal family?
2. How well did your family of origin measure up against the idea? What were some of the larger gaps between the ideal and the real?
3. Read Ephesians 6:1-2 and Colossians 3:18-21. How do you react to the “ideal family” portrayed in the Bible? How do these passages challenge your assumptions and experiences of family life?
4. Share some examples of how our culture tries to portray a dysfunctional family as being normal and acceptable. Why is family dysfunction so readily embraced? How does this impact your pursuit of the ideal in your family?
5. If we fully embraced and believed in God’s grace, how would this impact your pursuit of the ideal in your current family context?
6. What is one thing you can do this week in your interactions with your spouse, parents, siblings or children to better live out God’s family ideal?