**Household Harmony Discussion Guide**

This week we talked about harmony in the Christian home. Jesus Christ loves you and is for your family. Because of Him, it is possible to have harmony in the Christian home. If we put Christ first, admit our need for Him in everyday life, and work to improve our homes every day, we will find harmony and fulfillment.

Homes that are harmonious are characterized by tender love and sincere appreciation for one another. These families serve together inside and outside the home. In addition, they put their hope in Jesus Christ and the promises in His word and have a foundation of prayer. Homes with these characteristics will not be perfect but will have a future in Christ.

**Key Passage: Romans 12:10-12**

**Discussion Questions:**

* What is one of the four foundational principles for harmony in the home that pastor discussed at the very beginning of the message today? (Hint: it’s not in the outline on your handout.)
* What does Paul mean in verse 10 when he tells us to show “brotherly love” toward each other?
* Discuss specific ways you can show appreciation for other members of your family. How will you put them into practice?
* How does faith in Jesus give us hope in the midst of difficult times like the CoronaVirus pandemic?
* Why is it important to serve together and pray together as a family?

**Prayer Focus:**

Recognize that your family is imperfect. Thank Jesus that He is our perfection. Ask God to give you a sincere appreciation for the other members of your family. Ask Him to give you the heart and desire to put their needs above your own and to serve them. Pray specifically for each member of your family.

**Next Steps**

1. Plan and implement a service project you can perform as a family, outside your home.
2. Think of specific ways you can pray for other members of your family and pray for them.
3. Set a goal to pray together as a family every day.
4. If you do not have children, what is one way you can serve a family? How can you pray for the families in our church?