

Week Twelve

April 5

6:1-9

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Discussion Questions

1. Read thru the passage 3 times slowly, prayerfully, out loud. Use different translations. Stop and ask God to open His word to your understanding and to change you this week.
2. How do verses 1-9 connect back to the previous passage? What does the location of verses 1-4 indicate about the order of relationships inside the home?
3. The phrase “in/ as to the Lord” (vss. 1, 5, 7; see also 5:22) is a common phrase in the book of Ephesians. What does it indicate?
4. Notice the pattern of who is addressed in the larger context: wives (5:22-24) then husbands (5:25-33); children (6:1-3) then fathers (6:4); slaves/ employees (6:5-8) then masters/ employers (6:9). What does this pattern indicate?
5. There is no mention of mothers in verse 4. Why not?
6. What are ways fathers can provoke their children to anger? Can you give examples from your own life where you have done this? What can you do to avoid this problem?
7. Read Verse 5. In one word, what is the activity that is required of employees? What qualifications does this verse provide as to how this is accomplished?
8. What attitudes and perspectives do verses 6-8 provide us so that the command to employees in verse 5 is best understood?
9. What are the basic commands for masters/ employers in verse 9?
10. Paul finishes with this phrase, “knowing that both their master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.” What does that mean?