

A City on a Hill - Family Discussion Guide #4

Filling the Home: Strength from the Holy Spirit

Sunday's Bible Passage: 1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Read Together: Matthew 5:14-16

Why this passage? God's intention for us is that we would not hide, but rather live in such a way that we are visibly and noticeably different from most when people look at us or interact with us. The difference ought be because God has so worked in us and revealed himself to us that we reflect or "shine" his goodness.

Questions for Discussion & Reflection:

1. If our neighbors described our family in three words, what do you hope they would say?
2. What do you think our family does well that reflects God's goodness?
3. Is there an area where our family could better represent Jesus?
4. Have you ever been impacted by another family's kindness or generosity? What did they do?
5. Who are the people God has placed around us right now? Who might be lonely, discouraged, or in need of encouragement? How can our family intentionally show God's goodness to them?
6. Is it ever tempting to do good things so people will notice us? How can we keep our hearts focused on pointing people to Jesus?
7. What kind of reputation do we hope our family has in our neighborhood?
8. How can we model hospitality, generosity, and service for our children?
9. What family rhythms could help us regularly bless others (sharing meals, serving together, praying for neighbors, inviting people into our home)?

This Week's Challenge

✓ Choose an intentional act of service you can do this week. When you've done it, ask together, "How might this have made God's goodness visible to those around us?"