# Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship and Small Groups 12/11/2022

**Sermon Title:** Christ’s Instructions for The Christian Family. Part 3: Children Must Obey Their Parents

**Passage: Colossians 3:20**

**Context:** Paul is writing to the Colossians to explain who they are in Christ and what it means to follow Christ. He teaches doctrine in chapters 1-2 and gives instructions for the Christian life in chapters 3-4. In 3:18-21, Paul teaches us what God’s instructions are for the Christian family. How do we live out our roles in the home? While extremely counter-cultural, these truths must be embraced for a Christian home to thrive.

**Main Idea: *As Christians, we should seek to embrace God’s design for our families for the honor of Christ, the good of those we love, and for our own personal joy.***

**Main Points:**

**I. Children who claim to follow Christ have the responsibility to consistently listen to and obey those who care for them.**

Ref. Exodus 20:12, Exodus 21:15, Romans 1:30

**II. Children who claim to follow Christ will have a better life when they consistently obey those who care for them.**

Ref. Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3, Proverbs 4:10, Proverbs 30:17

**III. Children who claim to follow Christ are obligated to do what’s right even when their parents are not watching out of a desire to please the Lord.**

Ref. Luke 2:41-46

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?