

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



## Connect Members

What TV family best represents your own?

If you were to write your own rules for life, what would some of them be?

## Connect Members to God

In the message we learn that we honor someone when we “*cherish, value, respect, and love*” them. Using these four words, discuss how God models what it means to honor when it comes to His relationship with us.

Matthew 16:26a asks, “**What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?**”

As we raise our kids, we often focus on giving them the best of everything we can to set them up for future success. Yet, in God’s Kingdom, the way success is defined is completely counter to what we strive for. Jesus tells us that anyone who wants to follow Him must “**deny himself and take up his cross**” (16:24b). How much do you live up to this standard in your faith walk? How do you teach your kids not to forfeit their soul to worldly goods when they are surrounded by its trappings from birth?

## Apply the Teaching

If you’re in the Empty Nest stage, share something positive with your group that has come from it.

Brainstorm ways you can maintain a connection with your spouse if you haven’t yet moved into this stage.

Reflect on the challenges and the growth you have experienced with your spouse as you follow the directive in Genesis to leave your father and mother and be united to your spouse (Genesis 2:24).

