

# **STUDY GUIDE: KNOWING JESUS**

## **“Know Relationships” (Colossians 3:18-4:1)**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. What is the most important human relationship you have?
2. What is your role in that relationship (what is expected of you)?

**Study:** Read Colossians 3:1-4:1 in preparation for the following questions.

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

- “be subject” (3:18)—
- “Lord” (3:18)—
- “love” (3:19)—
- “embittered” (3:19)—
- “Children” (3:20)—
- “exasperate” (3:21)—
- “external service” (3:22)—
- “heartily” (3:23)—
- “fairness” (4:1)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage. Note 1) any other words you were unable to find, and 2) words for which you don’t know the reason they were on this list.

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5. What is a wife’s responsibility to her husband according to this passage?
  
6. What is a husband’s responsibility to his wife according to this passage?
  
7. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. With this in mind, what is a wife’s duty to her husband and a husband’s duty to his wife? If there is a difference, note what showed you this difference.
  
8. What does this passage say about how adults should respond to their parents. Please explain from the scripture.
  
9. Give some examples of how a parent might exasperate a child (after defining the word above).

**Taking It Home** (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

10. Summarize Paul’s teaching in this passage with one sentence describing how a Christian should relate to others.
  
11. What do you need to practice this week as a result of this study?