

Use this guide to engage in further discussion about today's message, applying it to your heart in a personal way. Feel free to alter questions to fit children in your family.

Follow this simple outline:

1. Sit down together with no distractions.
2. Have a member of the family open in prayer.
3. Read all or a portion of the sermon text.
4. Work through the discussion questions. Encourage your family to talk.
5. Share ways to apply the sermon to life
6. Close in prayer.

Time Commitment:
15-20 Minutes

Discussion Questions:

1. Ask these questions around the family table to help you determine if you have made friends with the world:
 1. *Do you tear down others in order to get what you want?*
 2. *Do you pray for certain things for selfish reasons and get frustrated when it seems that God isn't listening?*
 3. *Do you expect God to endorse your own plans and ambitions instead of instead of trusting God's plans that He has made for you?*
2. Since abandoning people shows us that we have abandoned God (James 4:4), are there strained relationships in your life that you need to address? What is keeping you from doing so?
3. How does the prodigal son in Luke 15 illustrate the way that God jealously yearns for you?
4. How does James 4:1-10 support the doctrine of assurance (once you truly become a Christian your status as a child of God is irrevocable)?

