

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 5-9-2021**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

### Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Pastor Isaac spoke about Conflict, Love and Forgiveness in the family. How have these themes manifested themselves in your family?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Genesis 37-50 - The Story of Joseph

**Digging Deeper:** Read Colossians 3:18-21 out loud. (1Peter 3:1-7)

1. What is the difference between what culture has taught us about submission and what the Bible has taught us on submission? Can you give examples that you have experienced? (1Peter 3:1-7 speaks to this as well)
2. Husbands, can you count the ways in which you have loved your wife? What are the things you can do to avoid being harsh with her?
3. Describe "provoke" or "embitter" in vs 21. If you have children or if you've been provoked as a child, would you be open to discuss your experience here?
4. Pick one to answer:
  - \*How did you move through (respond) the experience of being provoked (as a child)?
  - \*How did you move through (respond) the experience of Provoking (fathers)?Was your response a healthy and biblical one?

### Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?