
TABLE TALK

Repentant Families

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together:

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In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. (Psalm 32:1)

Read: Read Matthew 18:15-17 (ESV)

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Reflect:

As Christians we are people who repent and are forgiven. For many of us we began receiving that forgiveness even before we could speak, through our baptism. As we follow Christ we are surrounded by moments of repentance and forgiveness. We gather together in worship and confess our failings and hear once again the good news that in Christ our sins are forgiven. As families we live out this cycle of repentance and forgiveness as well, but sometimes we struggle.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Matthew 18:15-17) means for you as a family.

In light of what you have talked about, share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Pray:

The head of the household prays:

Father in heaven, you have forgiven us through Jesus's death and resurrection. Reveal to us our sin against one another and give us a heart of repentance.

Help us to live together as a family, as forgiven and forgiving people. In Jesus' s name. Amen