

Series: *Tuning Up Family Life, #1*

Message Summary: All families have their challenges, but living within a blended family has a set of challenges that are unique only to them. Whether you are a divorced and remarried couple without kids, or you are divorced and remarried couple with kids, it's not easy. But God offers a pathway to hope and health.

A Healthy Blended Family

Divorce and Remarriage

- 1. You are loved just the same.** Romans 8:38-39
- 2. You are forgiven just the same.** Psalm 103:12-14
- 3. You are valued just the same.** Ephesians 2:10

Divorce and Remarriage with Children

- 1. Love your children the same way that Christ loves you.** Ephesians 5:2
- 2. Forgive your children in the same way that Christ forgives you.** Colossians 3:13
- 3. Value your children in the same way Christ values you.** 2 Corinthians 5:17

Questions: ALL LifeGroups on Summer Break

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Review Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Read Romans 8:38-39 and Psalm 103:11. What does God have to say to us when we feel unloved because of our past mistakes?
2. When you consider God's forgiveness toward you, how does this effect the way you live your life, and relate to your spouse and children?
3. Your divorce and remarriage are part of your story. Discuss how God can use it to bless and encourage others.
4. Read Ephesians 1:5 and John 1:12. Discuss the similarity between God adopting us as sons and daughters, and accepting children into your blended family.
5. Discuss the idea of sacrificing your feelings for the security of your children. Why is this important?

APPLY IT- (15min) How can you value the children in your blended the family the same way Christ values you?