

# HOPE

LIVING WITH CONFIDENT EXPECTATION

## FAMILY CONNECTION GUIDE

### WEEK 3



#### READ

##### EPHESIANS 2:8-10, NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



#### REFLECT

We often think of servants as being in a low position: they work for someone else or they work in jobs behind-the-scenes. We may think of “servants” more from the past, but who are modern society’s servants? People in the “service industry” work in hotels, restaurants, fast food chains and stores, or as stylists, maids, janitors and cleaners. “Civil servants” hold jobs that help the public such as teachers, nurses, social workers, police officers and fire fighters. Without these servants of society, life would look pretty hopeless! We depend on them more than we realize, and we need to pay attention to how their acts of service bring us hope and joy each day. **How can we show our appreciation to our modern society’s servants?**



#### REMEMBER

In the Bible Jesus shows us how to serve others. Jesus washed the disciple’s feet, but as he began to wash them, the disciples resisted. They didn’t want to accept this act of a lower position from Jesus, because they saw him in a high position: their Teacher and Lord. The act of servanthood Jesus takes on lowers his status to the same status as a servant. His act of service taught them, and teaches us, to do the same.

##### JOHN 13:13-17

“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Jesus shows us what it is like to humbly serve others, and that we are blessed when we do.



#### RESPOND

Try starting a conversation about this with your teen using one of the questions below, perhaps when your family is doing chores or cleaning up from a meal:

- Would you rather serve someone or be served by someone?
- What jobs are made to serve other people? (Ex: Fire fighter, police, nurses, waste removal, wait staff, etc.)

- How does that person serve our society?
- What would society look like if that job didn't exist anymore?
- What can you do to better serve those around you?
- PARENTS - Share how you serve others, and in your job.
- STUDENTS - Is there a job or career that interests you? How will serving others make you better at this job?
- What plan can we make as a family to serve others? (DIY Serving, Serve Saturday, donate items, etc.)

