

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for July 25, 2021
Parenting in the 21st century: Real vs Ideal



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - Share a time when your parents pointed you to an ideal while helping you navigate what is real in the world.
- **GROW** *in Christ*

Read John 1: 9-14

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today?
- Verses 10 and 11 say that the world did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah nor receive Him as such. Why not? What were they looking for?
- What does verse 12 mean by “receive Him” and “believe in His Name”? How does that give the believers the “right” to become children of God?
- In verse 14, why did God need to “become flesh and make His dwelling among us” in order for us to see and experience God?
- What is the evidence of Jesus’ “Glory” that John saw in Jesus that he is referring to in verse 14?
- How does Jesus show both grace and truth (verse 14) and how can we apply grace and truth to our children’s behaviors in the real world vs how God would have them (and us) behave (ideal).
- **SERVE** *others*

Prayerfully ask God to put someone on your heart that needs to hear about Jesus and what a difference it makes in your life. Then give you the courage and the words to tell them.
- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**