

Facilitators Note: Care for Single Parents and Blended Parents
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Before we start today's session, I'd like to say something to our single parents and blended family parents.

As you've probably already noticed by now, the Art of Parenting, while it's an excellent parenting guide, isn't perfect.

For instance, it is geared towards traditional married families, with only a section or two specifically aimed at your unique challenges as single parents and blended parents. And as you've seen, single parents, even the homework – the "Arrow Projects" – often will have a section for "couples to complete individually" and then they're told to come together and share their answers. We know at times that can make you feel uncomfortable or even left out.

We can say confidently in no way was that their intent, and especially not our intent!

We hope by now you know that EVERYONE including single parents and blended parents, not just traditional married parents are welcome at Christ Fellowship. And we are committed to partnering with you and your families to provide the support, encouragement, and tools you need to make your families everything that God wants them to be! We will never waver in that commitment to you.

When you hear Pastors Todd and Julie say we want to do "life together" with you, we mean it!

We love you and understand the unique struggles that come with your individual situations, whether single parents, blended families, or traditional married families. And never forget, there aren't ANY perfect families here at Christ Fellowship.

We need each other because all of us are struggling in one way or another. We as pastors, directors/leaders, class leaders, table hosts, and everyone in this room are here for each other. So, let's do this together as we aim for the goal we all have of raising godly kids who know and love Jesus and understand their purpose in life!

And if you ever have a question or if there's anything we can do for you, please reach out to us, and either we will help you, or we'll gladly connect you with a pastor.

Now, let's get back to our session today!

NOTE: This is something that needs to be mentioned throughout the class. For instance, start class time with the above statement at the beginning of the class, but because people join in the room after class is started mention it again after the video and again towards the end of the class. Be sensitive to your audience and the feel in the room as you progress through the weeks.