

Home Group Questions

the week of 5/13/2018 Ephesians 5:25-33 & various passages

CELEBRATING MOTHERS!

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday was Mother's Day and the sermon focused on God's great plan of creating Mom's, as well as His plan for celebrating Mom's in the way we do family and relationship with one another.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. This passage highlights God's role for the husband and the wife within the context of a marriage. Our culture today rebels against this model for a number of different reasons but the challenge is clear in Scripture for the husband to step up and lead and for the wife to step in and support this team that has been formed by the two of them coming together as one. Just like a pilot and copilot work together to bring an airplane to it's destination, so a husband and a wife form a beautiful team with complimentary roles which allow a marriage/family to reach it's God-given destination. Discuss the principles of this passage especially focusing on ways in which we can better love and honor our moms. (Dad, your study is coming when we get to Father's Day!). Discuss the ways in which husbands can give of himself (v. 25), "love" (v. 26), "nourish" and "cherish" his wife (v. 29), as well as the concept of "oneness" in verse 31. Be sure to give practical ways in which you can fulfill the directions that we are given in this important biblical passage.

2. Read Luke 6:46-49. After reading this parable, discuss qualities of a good foundation when you build a house. Share stories from your past of problems with a home you may have bought that had a bad foundation. What are things to look out for when you are evaluating the foundation of a home? How

do those things relate to building upon a solid foundation in your life?

Many people oppose the direction that God's Word give in building families. In our world and culture today, secular counselors will often undermine godly marriages and families with their unbiblical counsel. Relativism is the belief that every person does what is right in their eyes and that there is no moral absolute. Universalism teaches that all roads lead to God as long as the person is sincere. Secular Humanism is an atheistic approach to interpreting the world and the origins of the universe. New Age thinking is a conglomeration of spiritual beliefs that speak of "forces" and "energy" rather than a personal God.

-Talk about these various opposing philosophies. How do you see them in our world today (i.e. in our schools, culture, movies/TV shows etc.)? How can we as believers best guard ourselves and our families from experiencing a "crash" as in the parable?

3. Read 1 Timothy 1:13-19. Talk about these verses and what led to a shipwrecked faith. Paul gives a brief "foundational" doctrinal statement and personal testimony in verses 13-17. One important aspect of building families and marriages is to build them on the right foundation so that you can have an effective testimony for Christ. If someone asked for your testimony of faith in Christ, would you be able to give a clear, concise testimony of your decision to follow Christ in 2-3 minutes? Ask the group if anyone has written out their testimony or shared it in the past. Challenge Home Group members to think through the time when they placed their faith and trust in Christ, and about how to share it.

MOVING FORWARD...

Pray especially for moms and the role and responsibilities God has given them!