

Home Group Questions

the week of 5/10/2020

Various Passages

AMAZING MOM!

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday was Mother's Day and Pastor Mel shared a passage in **Matthew 20:18-24** that gave us an account that highlighted a mom that loved her sons and wanted them to be in God's kingdom, as near to Jesus as possible, and to follow Jesus' lead. Read the passage together and share your thoughts on the passage.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read Ephesians 5:22-29. This passage deals with the God-given roles that husbands and wives have. We know the Bible clearly teaches that both men and women are of equal value in God's eyes and both are created in the image of God. However, God has also established roles for a healthy and growing marriage/family.

From the passage above, discuss the various principles that pertain to the wife and to the husband.

(Don't get caught up in long discussions about "well what happens if a spouse is being severely mistreated." Of course, God's Word doesn't allow for that and the church needs to address it through the elders and pastoral staff.)

Men, spend some time developing ways in which you can best pursue the heart of your wife more...practical ideas, while the women listen.

Women, spend some time developing ways in which you can best pursue the heart of your husband.

2. Both Moms and Dads have to develop in their abilities to communicate in ways that express love and appreciation to one another.

Read James 1:19-27. What are some ways in which we can live out the principles of this passage? How can spouses build the principles of this verse into their marriage? What are some practical steps that would flow out of the James passage you have read?

3. Read Ephesians 6:1-8. Mother's Day is not only a reminder of how amazing moms are and how much they do for others, but it is also a time to consider the impact that moms and dads can have on the lives of their children. This passage focuses on how those in authority should treat others and how those under authority should treat those over them. **Discuss the important principles that you find in this passage.**

Focus on the list below...what are some lessons you have learned over the years (share stories, anecdotes, etc.) that highlight the items listed below as important in the building of a healthy family?

Ways to do the opposite and provoke them to wrath:

- Live by a double standard
- Use explosive anger to control them
- Battle over trivial externals while ignoring the heart
- Be emotionally distant from them
- Show favoritism to other kids
- Have unrealistic expectations
- Don't discipline them (or inconsistently)
- Don't admit when you are wrong
- Neglect teaching them biblical boundaries

MOVING FORWARD...

Spend some time praying for moms and dads in the group...and their kids. Pray that we could be the godly examples that the Lord is calling us to be.