

Small Group Questions

How to Bless Mothers ||| Various Passages

In the beginning God created mankind in His image. Genesis 1 tells us that mankind was created in the image of God. Once a year, at Coastline, we focus our attention to appreciate, bless, and encourage mothers. Mother's Day is a time to reflect on the spiritual influence that mothers have on their children. It's a time to be reminded of the great investment that women have done to raise another generation of children who are influenced by the Word of the Lord. It's not only biological mothers who are raising the next spiritual generation. Spiritual mothers have stayed up late, gone on camps, and spent their money to invest into the lives of younger believers. Take some time to work through these questions and learn what Scripture teaches and investing into others.

1. Neal and Charity started out sharing two very different memories. Can you think of a time that you totally blew it on Mother's Day or a Mother's Day that was a blessing?
2. Read Genesis 16. In this dark time in Hagar's life we read that God was close to her. Share about a time where you thought God was far from you but realized that He was near you every step of the way. (see Deuteronomy 4:7 & Hebrews 13:5)
3. Choosing to trust God in difficult times might not be your natural reaction. Read Psalm 20 and Proverbs 3:5-6. Talk about the reasons you have to trust in the Lord. Share about God's faithfulness in your past. (see 1 Corinthians 1:9 & Hebrews 11)
4. Neal shared the story of Samson's parents (Judges 13). What do these parents teach us about allowing God to shape our parenting? You might not be a parent, what do you want to take away for potentially being a parent in the future?
5. Charity read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. How have you applied this to your parenting? How do you want to apply this to your parenting style as you move forward?
6. In our world it is easy to delegate the task of parenting to others. Read these verses and talk about the great responsibility of raising children in the love and instruction of the Lord: Psalm 78:1-7, Proverbs 3:1-12, Colossians 3:21, & 2 Timothy 3:15.
7. Scripture reminds us of people who devoted their life to teaching others about the goodness of the Lord. Who are you investing your life? (see: Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 16:1-2, Acts 16:11-15 and 2 Timothy 2:2)
8. Close your time in prayer. Talk about who you will invite to Coastline on Sunday.