

Life Group Sermon-based Homework and Discussion Questions May 14, 2017 // 5 Things Every Mother Needs to Know

Review

Can you recall the 5 things every Mom needs to know? Review them briefly in your group. How do these encourage you to persevere and move forward in life?

My Story

Mom's certainly need endurance and perseverance along with encouragement from their families and friends. As we move from that thought to all of us, let's start with these personal observations and opinions.

1. Share a "weird mom story" from your family experiences. (Something "uniquely mom" that might be different and defining)
2. In your opinion, which of these is the hardest test of endurance?
 - Scaling Mt. Everest
 - Competing in a Triathlon
 - Parenting
 - Keeping a single job for life

Digging Deeper

1. Read Psalm 139 with particular focus on verses 13 and 14. Paying attention to how God created us with unique gifts and talents because we are all "fearfully and wonderfully made," discuss your life's activities by answering these questions:
 - What activities am I bad at?
 - What activities am I good at?
 - What activities am I great at?
 - What activities show I have a unique ability?
2. From Psalm 139, what could you do to be more intentional about growing in your understanding about how God created you?
3. Read Ephesians 2:10 and consider your unique ability, tell your group what gives you the greatest passion and energy?
4. Read Exodus 31:1-11 as a group.

We often confuse the things we are great at with the things for which we were uniquely created, and end up burning out quickly. How have you experienced this confusion in your own life?

What can you do to be intentional about setting boundaries around the things you are great at to ensure they do not sidetrack you from what God created you to do?

Taking It Home

1. Talk about what we have all been called to do?
2. What is it like when you express those gifts? What does God want you to learn from that experience?

Additional Leaders Notes

For many groups this may be the last formal group meeting til the fall, so talk within your group about how you will remain connected during the summer. Decide if you desire to continue to mentor one another spiritually in between times and to pray for one another and how you will do that as a shared experience.