



## **Mother's Day 2020**

### **May 9-10, 2020 - Tim Harlow & Rachel Harris**

On this Mother's Day weekend, Pastor Tim and his daughter Rachel Harris talk about the challenges of being both a mom and a follower of Jesus.

**NOTE: We are sending this out before the services so you and your families can spend time watching service and discussing the Study Guide together! If you're looking for some virtual ways to connect with your Small Group, check out [Zoom](#) or [Google Hangouts](#)!**

#### **CELEBRATE**

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

#### **CONNECT**

1. Talk about your favorite memory of your Mom. What makes that memory so special?
2. This is obviously not your typical Mother's Day. Talk about a few things that are unique or strange about your Mother's Day 2020 celebration.

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

## **REFLECT**

Before moving forward in your study, remember the big picture of this week's teaching:

- Solid, faithful parenting means knowing that Jesus gives grace for our failures and also space for our families to grow.

**SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25; Matthew 6, John 8:5-13, Romans 8:28

## **RESPOND**

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this week's message that resonated with you. What made it stick out to you?
2. The conversation between Pastor Tim and his daughter Rachel was natural and honest. Talk about how helpful it is for you to see other parents express honest thoughts about the ups and downs of raising kids.
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. The first part of this prayer (6:4-5) was a prayer the Jewish people recited every day, as part of keeping the beauty of God in front of them (6:6-9). Talk about how repeating a simple prayer like this could change your parenting, marriage, work life, etc.
4. Rachel mentioned that telling your faith story to your kids is really important. Take a moment and think about your faith story. Try to tell the story of how you became a follower of Jesus to the folks in your group or in your family. What parts of your story are most helpful for your family right now?
5. This stay-at-home season has created several parenting challenges. Talk about the biggest challenge you face as a parent right now. Now, what big opportunities are there in this time for you to influence your and your family's faith because of the stay-at-home situation?

## **Takeaway**

A prayer is both a way we talk to God and a personal connection point we set aside each day. The connection point helps us to have something to expect and look forward to - something to depend on - even when everything seems crazy.

As a family, think about praying one of the following passages at least once a day. You as a parent may want to commit first, and let your family know when and where you'll be praying this prayer. Then invite your family to join you.

You can choose to memorize these prayers or just read them. Whatever helps you consistently pray these prayers each day.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Psalms 23:1-6

Matthew 6:9-13

Ephesians 3:16-20