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How Can I Have A Happy Home?... 'Cause We Must Be Doing Something Wrong!

I. Quiz

✦ When you think of going home today, is there more...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> stress | or | <input type="checkbox"/> peace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yelling | or | <input type="checkbox"/> laughing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> criticism | or | <input type="checkbox"/> encouragement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> arguing | or | <input type="checkbox"/> conversation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blaming | or | <input type="checkbox"/> teamwork |

II. 3 Questions of *Change Strategy*

- 1) Where are we?
- 2) Where do we want to go?
- 3) How do we get there?

III. How Do I Turn My House into an “Oasis”?

1. **Have FUN.**

“Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.” Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)

2. **Be NICE.**

“Be patient with each person, attentive to individual needs. And be careful that when you get on each other’s nerves you don’t snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 (MSG)

3. **FORGIVE quickly.**

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NLT)

4. **Set BOUNDARIES.**

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

5. ASK for God's help.

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking."

James 1:5 (NLT)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done."

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Keep the Conversation going...

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How would you characterize your home life **growing up**? Give an example.
2. How would you characterize your home life **now**? Why?
3. In order to help your home become more of an Oasis, which of these suggestions would you ask God to help you with **right now**? (What's your top priority?)
 Having Fun Being Nice Forgiving Quickly Setting Boundaries
4. What can you start working on immediately to implement that top priority? What do you need to start/stop doing to allow that to happen?