

Talk About It

Small Group Discussion Guide

Mother's Day

May 11 & 14

Start Talking Share a fun memory you have with your mom

Main Idea Pastor Ken talked this weekend about lessons we can learn from some special moms we read about in Scripture. He focused primarily on Mary, the mother of Jesus. He pulled out three "snapshots" that we can all practice and grow in our own lives with our kids, spouse, and/or friends. The three areas were:

1. Be prepared by connecting daily- stay in a relationship with Christ
2. Share Life- be invested and involved
3. Let Go- always pray and cheer for your kids

We also dipped into the miraculous work of God in Elizabeth, who was the mom of John the Baptist and Ruth, the daughter-in-law of Naomi. Naomi was a spiritual mother to Ruth, and when they lost all they had, Ruth wanted to stay with her and follow the God Naomi was following.

Personalize It

1. Read Luke 1:26-38. What was Mary's response to the news she received? What does her response teach us about living for an audience of God and not man?
2. Pastor Ken mentioned how we need to model what it means to be invested and involved in the work of Christ. Do you feel like you do a good job of this? What is one area you could include your kids in?
3. What does "letting go" mean to you? How can you trust God deeper as you continue to "let go" of your kids as they enter new life phases?
4. We are in charge of watering and nurturing the seeds (relationships) we have been given. Then God will do His part. What is one relationship that you need to tend to and nurture more so that God can show off the beauty that is to come?

Let's Do It

1. Pastor Ken shared a 5-part prayer for the coming days as we head into the summer.
Write these down and place them somewhere to remind you to pray daily for the following.
 - Forgive what needs to be forgiven.
 - Seek Divine strength for today.
 - Nurture what God has provided- relationships with kids, neighbors, another mom, etc.
 - Accept God's love for you and His beauty in you- You are God's masterpiece.
 - Reflect and direct others to know and experience the same.
2. Which of the "snapshots" about the life of Mary do you need to focus on to be the best parent/ spouse/friend you can be? What is one practical step you can take to grow in that area this week?

Pray

Father, thank You for this time as a group. Thank You for the women of the Bible who show us how to live for You. May we be people who stay connected to You daily and are invested and involved in the relationships You have given us. Please give us the strength to forgive. God, may reflect and direct others to follow you daily and see themselves as your masterpiece. Amen.

Key Scriptures

Luke 1:26-38
John 2:1-5
John 19:23-27