

Summer at Hope

WEEK 4 – WHAT EVERY WOMAN NEEDS

BIG IDEA:

Women are like a bouquet of flowers. Flowers are to be handled delicately- treated with honor. In the same way, women are not to be thought of as weak but rather as delicate. What women really need and want is to be understood and to be honored. This takes time and intentionality to accomplish.

KEY VERSES:

1 Peter 3:7 - You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

1. Could you connect to the images of the vase of flowers v. the rock to women and men? Why or why not?

Key Question #1: What do you think a woman needs in a relationship?

Key Question #2: Why is it so difficult for a man to understand a woman?

Key Question #3: How can you better understand a woman?

Key Point #1: What a Woman Really Needs in a relationship is to be UNDERSTOOD

2. Do you (everyone) feel understood in your current relationships? (Including romantic relationship, family, colleagues etc)
3. How good are you at seeking to understand the people in your life? What steps could you take to improve in this area?

Key Point #1a: Understand the goal is not to change the way she feels

4. How good are you at expressing your feelings in your current relationships? And likewise, how good are you at inviting others to share their feelings? Is this difficult for you? Why?

Key Point #1b: Understand that everything affects everything

5. Do you tend to compartmentalize things? Why or why not?

Key Point #4: What a Woman Really Needs in a relationship to be HONORED

6. What does honor look like to you? What makes you feel most honored?
7. Do you see yourself the way God sees you? Do you view others the way God sees them? Why or why not?

MOVING FORWARD:

Men, we are to never treat our wives like she is a rock, we are to treat our wives as if they are valuable – because the Bible says **SHE IS!** Your job is to protect to her. Protect her. Honor her... with your heart, with your eyes, with your words, with your attention. God has plan and when we work his plan, it works. Remember, it all starts on a foundation of God; He is the most important relationship. **Discuss as a group what steps could you take this week to better understand and honor ALL the people in your life?**