



SPECIAL SERMON
"Mother's Day"
Sermon Small Group Questions
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

- This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. After considering the needs of your group, you may choose one of the following options:
 1. one section of questions
 2. one or two questions from each section
- Feel free to adapt the format to meet the needs of your group. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, add Scripture and ask suitable questions. Remember that this is only a guide.
- Personal application is key to everyone's growth and should be included in every discussion. When asked how he or she intends to apply a certain principle a group member may say, "I need to spend more time in the Bible and in prayer." It is important for you to help group members make applications that are more specific and commit to a specific plan of action by asking, for example, "How are you going to begin?" An example is to get up 30 minutes earlier each morning, spending 15 minutes reading the Bible and 10 minutes in prayer. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.
- As the leader your goal is to help bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their need for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.

INTRODUCTION

Mothers make a monumental difference to a child's spiritual upbringing. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is older, he will not depart from it." In our culture, however, there was a movement when being a mom was not as desired, even belittled. Thankfully, that has changed again, and the importance of the mother in society has been restored. The Word of God elevates and esteems the role of mothers, it shows their female qualities as reflections of the character and nature of God.

MESSAGE

[Genesis 1.27]

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

[2 Timothy 1.5-7]

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Sincere faith cannot be denied. You can impart faith to your children.

Lois and Eunice left a legacy. They raised up a generation of world-changers through their diligent prayers and lifestyle. Even in the face of pushback from her Greek husband, Eunice conquered a spirit of fear. She raised Timothy in following Christ, and he became such a sought-after disciple.

The next generation gets the upgrade!

Four Things Handed Down from God to Mothers:

1. **Sincere Faith (transparent, real, & genuine lives without hypocrisy)**
2. **Power (ability to create miracles; to live an overcoming life)**
3. **Love (agape, unconditional love)**

[1 Corinthians 13.4-7]

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. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

The redemptive heart of God is always to turn the heart of His sons and daughters back to Him; it is never too late to intercede for them.

4. **Self-discipline (areas that you are consistent and intentional in)**

[2 Timothy 3.14-15]

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

Live the life of Christ in front of your kids.

CONCLUSION

You have been empowered with influence to stand in that place of prayer. The heart of a mom is one of unconditional love for her children, so verbalize it however and whenever possible. Partner with the Lord, who would move heaven and earth, for one lost or wandering lamb.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What godly attributes were displayed to you through your mother or a women of God who impacted your life?**
- 2. Can you remember a time when your mother came to your rescue?**
- 3. When was the last time you told your children or heard from your parents these words: "I will love you no matter what." Who in your life needs to hear those words from you before this week ends?**
- 4. Have you ever overheard you mom praying for you? Who needs to overhear you praying for them?**
- 5. Pray over each other that we will be parents (and spiritual influences) that can lead our children to God.**