

THE BIBLICAL FAMILY AND YOU

Selections from relevant biblical texts regarding Family

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I. Introduction

- A. We are all in family, I'm someone's child.
- B. We are all foggy, I'm somewhat confused.
- C. We are all fortunate, in Scripture clarification comes.

II. Family and Parenting Basics

- A. Children are a graphic of God (Ps. 127:1-2).
- B. Children are a gift from God (Ps. 127:3-5).
- C. Children are given to parents (Dt. 6, Mt.19, Mk.10).
- D. Children are guarded in healthy marriages/families (Eph.5, Col.3).

III. Conclusion

- A. The desire (for children) is biblical.
- B. The design (for children) is the nuclear family.
- C. The depiction (of children) is gospel intensive.
- D. The duty (of parents) is astoundingly profound.

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QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY GROUP REFLECTION

ICEBREAKER: Are your biological parents married? Share. How did this impact your upbringing? How does it shape your current life?

1. What is your favorite childhood memory with your parents?
2. If you are not a parent, what fears or concerns do you have about parenting? If you are a parent, how have you faced the fears and concerns you had before having children? What biblical advice do you parents have for those concerned or fearful about parenting?
3. Are there emotional wounds or strained relationships in your family (with your parents, siblings or children)? Share. How might you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, find healing, forgiveness, and/or reconciliation in your family for God's glory?
4. The Bible teaches us that children are a blessing and a gift from God. In light of this, why do many struggle to see the blessing of children and instead choose to view them as inconveniences, obstacles to corporate success, hindrances to socialite status and burdensome expenses? What kinds of things have you seen in our culture that are anti-family? How does the culture impact you?
5. If you are a parent, share your dreams for your child's discipleship and share your current practices in discipleship? Discuss your curriculum, frequency, goals, books you use, etc.