

Study Questions For
Proverbs 31:10-31

Introduction: The theme of Sunday's message was, "Behind every successful woman, wife and mother are a husband and family who..."

1. Be sensitive as you work through this passage. Acknowledge that there may be women in your group who are not yet married or who may have gone through the heart ache of a death or divorce in their marriage. Also, there may be some women in your group who have not had any children and this topic may be difficult for them.

2. Remember that this passage is an acrostic. Each verse begins with a new letter in the Hebrew alphabet. (Compare Psalm 119 where each paragraph begins with a new letter.)

2. What are some ways a husband and family can express trust and confidence in their wife or mother? (10-12)

A. The word "excellent" (NASV) is translated "Noble Character" (NIV). The same Hebrew word that is used in Proverbs 31:10 is used in Ruth 3:11 to describe Ruth's life.

B. Take a few minutes to review the life of Ruth. What are some ways that she demonstrated "excellence" or "noble character" in her life and behavior?

3. How can a husband and family encourage their wife and mother to develop her full potential? (13-24)

A. As you read through these verses, what are some things that you notice about this woman's ability and character?

B. What would you say about your wife and the mother of your children if you were to make a list of things that she does well?

4. How can you and your family be better listeners and more attentive to her words?
(25-27)

A. Compare Proverbs 1:8 / 31:1 –

B. What are some words of wisdom that you remember your mother sharing with you?

5. How can a husband and family do a better job of praising and expressing their appreciation for their wife and mother? (28-31)

a. Publicly (in front of others). b. Privately c. Personally (in your mind)

6. How can your group encourage a woman who does not have children?
How can they feel more fulfilled in this season of their lives?