

LIFE GROUP LEADER NOTES FOR SERMON BASED DISCUSSIONS.

Sunday, April 14 is the first sermon on the new series “FAMILY GOD’S WAY”.

Each person’s family experience and dynamics is unique. According to the Bible, family is God’s idea and when we seek and follow His plans, we get the best outcomes.

(LG Leader) Review your personal notes from this week’s message.

Key Scripture: GENESIS Chapter 1 through Chapter 4

Pastor Stan unpacked 3 truths from the Bible:

- 1) God made male and female to be a family
- 2) Husband and wife should pro-create, enjoy sexual fulfillment, and nurture their children
- 3) God created marriage for companionship

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Where were you born and brought up?
- What was the most thought-provoking idea or concept that caught your attention during this weekend’s message?

Start Sharing. Ask these questions to create openness.

The 2nd point in the message focused in part on parenting...

- How would you describe the parenting style you like? Why?
- If it’s true that our kids get their picture of who God is from us/parents, how accurate is that picture? How can we improve their picture of who God is?

Ask for several volunteers to read the following scriptures out loud...

Deut. 6:5-8, Psalm 139:13-14, Eph. 6:4

What scriptures caught your attention? Would you be willing to share your thoughts?

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

The 3rd point in the message focused on marriage...

- What was the only thing that was NOT GOOD about creation?
- GRAND PRIZE for finding the answer in Genesis 2:18.

“I believe that the number one benefit for marriage is companionship.” Pastor Stan

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Take a moment and pray for God to help us strengthen our family, build healthy relationships across generations and in our community.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take some time this week and do something you know your spouse would enjoy. Call and talk to your grandkids. Pray for then send an encouraging text to a friend.

“There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion, or company than a good marriage.” — Martin Luther

Supplemental Scripture: Heb.13:4, Gen.1:27-28;2:24; Matt.19:4-6; 1Cor.7:3-5