

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments, as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Mother’s Day Sermon.

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
- How are the biblical definitions of womanhood and motherhood being attacked in our culture?
- Read 1 Timothy 2:9-15 and discuss how offensive this passage is to our progressive culture.
- Reread verse 1 Timothy 2:13-15 and discuss the following quote.
 - In verse 14 we read of women being in sin. In contrast, verse 15 speaks of women being saved through childbearing. What is Paul saying? All women are saved through childbearing. But saved in what way? What kind of a general statement is this? The salvation spoken of is not salvation from sin. And it cannot refer to Eve since the future tense is used – “she will be saved.” Furthermore, the use of the plural pronoun “they” indicates that more than one woman is in view. It clearly indicates that all women are in view. This verse is saying that through childbearing all women are delivered from the stigma of a woman’s originating the Fall. A woman led the human race into sin, yet women benefit mankind by replenishing the race. They also have the opportunity to lead the race to godliness through their influence on children.
- According to this verse, how important is motherhood? Explain your answer.
- **Read Gen. 3:20-21** This is the second time Adam named his wife (first time is Gen. 2:23), compare and contrast the two names Adam gives to Eve. Why is the name Eve significant?
 - **Leaders Cheat:** you may want to look at a commentary to help you with this question.

- Why is it significant that Adam named his wife Eve after the fall?
- How does Gen 3 (especially verse 20) relate to 1 Tim. 2:13-15?
- **Read 1 John 4:7-12** and discuss how this passage relates to motherhood.
- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7** and discuss how this passage relates to motherhood.
- In the sermon Sunday, Nathan said a few times that the goal of motherhood is not perfection but faithfulness. What does that mean?
- **Read Luke 2:41-52.** This is the only story we have written in scripture about Jesus' childhood. What are some things this story tells us about Jesus and his parents?
- Out of all the stories that could have been written about Jesus' childhood, why do you think God inspired this story to be included in Scripture?
- **Read John 19:25-27** The Bible only records 7 things Jesus said on the Cross. Why do you think God inspired John to record this saying? What does this passage tell us about Jesus' love for his mother?
- Read and discuss Proverbs 31:10-31.
 - **R.C. Sproul Writes** - This section is an acrostic poem extolling the virtues of a wife who exemplifies the principles of wisdom, both practically and spiritually. The overall effect of this acrostic is of a coherent description of a woman, beautified by her virtues of practical wisdom and charity.
- What stands out to you in this passage?
- How does the woman described in Proverbs 31 display a love that is both sacrificial and active? Give some examples from the passage?
- How does this passage celebrate the value of womanhood and motherhood?

Spend some time as a group praying for the marriages at our church and the mothers of our church.