

God Blesses Us With Family

Review it: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Discuss it:

1. Although flawed and temporary, families are designed as a blessing from God and a figure of relationships to come. For the believer, these relationships are for the hear-and-now, but also designed to evolve into something amazing in the yet-to-come. Which aspects of believers' relationships to God, and to one another resonate most with you today?

-Romans 8:15-17

-Ephesians 2:19

2. As a believer, what is your relationship to other believers? How does Paul describe and prescribe our relationship and attitude toward other believers?

-Galatians 6:10

-1 Timothy 5:1-2

3. What was God's original plan for family? Does it still apply today?

-Genesis 1:26-28

-Matthew 19:4-6

4. How does the scriptures regard having children? Can you share a favorite blessing that you've received from either having children (your own or adopted), or from someone else's children?

-Psalm 127:3-5

-Proverbs 17:6

5. How does God look upon children? What warning does Jesus give concerning how adults treat children?

-Matthew 18:5-6

6. What principles do you find for the husband/wife relationship? Which, if any, are easiest for you? Which are more difficult? What practical applications would you like to make or continue developing in your marriage today?

-Ephesians 5:21-33

7. What principles do you find for parenting and dealing with parents (including adult children and their parents)? Which, if any, are easiest for you to implement? Which are more difficult? What practical applications could you make today? Do you need to make any changes?

-Ephesians 6:1-4

8. Where did the teaching about Christ and Christian principles take place? What practical steps could parents, grandparents and/or children take for implementing or developing this spiritual responsibility?

-Acts 5:42

9. Consider the importance of discipline in parenting. As a parent, how do you/did you discipline your children? As a child, how did your parents discipline you? Was it effective?

-Proverbs 12:1, 13:24, 22:15

10. How and why does God discipline His children?

-Hebrews 12:5-12

Pray about it