

Small Group Study

Building Happy Families

From the sermon series, "Family Matters"



Icebreakers

Use the questions below to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)



1. What is some of the best practical advice anyone ever gave you?
2. What is one accomplishment of yours that you are proud of?
3. What are 2 of your fondest memories?

SCRIPTURE

Have a volunteer read the following scripture:

Romans 12:9-16 (NIV)

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

QUESTIONS

- 1.** What qualities mentioned in this passage would you most want to be a part of your relationships?
- 2.** How can we treat others as more important than ourselves? (12:10, 13, 16)
- 3.** How can we learn to hate what is evil?
- 4.** How can one hate evil and yet still bless the evildoer?
- 5.** What can one do to learn to love others as God loves them?
- 6.** What are some practical ways that love can be expressed to others? (12:12-16)
- 7.** How does one show honor to another?
- 8.** What type of individual is difficult for you to love or associate with?
- 9.** Of the things Paul exhorts us towards as believers in this passage what do you personally find to be especially difficult?
- 10.** What does this study prompt you to pray about? ...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

God bless,
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