



LEADER'S NOTES

Family Focused – Joyful Generosity

This week we continued our sermon series on the next two core values: Family Focused and Joyful Generosity.

Question 1 begins with the idea that God designed the family purposefully. This question raises the potentially sensitive topic of the families your group members grew up in. Because this might be difficult for some, it would be good if you shared first and were open and vulnerable. Also, I advise you not to force anyone to share because it may be a sensitive topic. This question also discusses your community group as a family. Be sure to not brush past that part of the question but listen carefully to what your group members have to say. It may help you see how to make your group better.

Questions 2 asks your group to process some Bible verses about marriage and families together. When discussing these verses, take your time and draw out the themes that are present. If the conversation is stalling, you might mention that some critics of the Bible point out that Paul's teaching about marriage lines up very directly with the teaching of that culture, such as wives should submit to their husbands. But the verse I included in Colossians goes directly against Paul's culture. It might be interesting to talk about cultural expectations versus biblical expectations.

Question 3 changes to the topic of generosity. The question focuses on a verse in 1 Timothy. This verse gives us two benefits of being generous. The first is that we lay up treasures for ourselves in Heaven. The second is that we begin to take hold of the life that is truly life. This question will be interesting for your group to discuss, and it may bring up some questions about eternal rewards. This website could give you information before the study. <https://www.gotquestions.org/rewards-in-heaven.html>

Question 4 deals with our motivation to be generous. We are to be generous because God has been so generous to us. Take time to process the scriptures I have included in this last question. Don't neglect that very last question. Does God's generosity motivate your group members to be generous? You might also ask what other motives for generosity there may be.