

WEEK 4- FAMILY MATTERS

Proverbs 2:16-17, 5:18-19, 23:22-24, 22:15, 22:6, 3:11-12, 20:20

1. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPOUSES IS ABOUT A COVENANT
2. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN IS ABOUT INSTILLING WISDOM
3. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHILDREN AND PARENTS IS ABOUT HONOR

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week's message was all about what Proverbs has to say about family. The word "family" can bring a lot of different things to mind for different people. What does "family" mean to you?
3. The first main idea this week was that "The Relationship Between Spouses is About a Covenant" (Prov. 2:16-17). What does it mean that marriage is a covenant? How is that different than a contract? How should this impact the way married couples approach their life together?
4. Modeling the gospel in your marriage looks like seeing what God is doing in your spouse's life and where He is taking them and then laying down your life to help them get there. What is something you've seen God doing in the life of your spouse? How can you support them in this?
5. Instilling wisdom in our children requires three things: 1) that we have a coherent understanding of what is wise/ unwise, 2) that we model it for them consistently and 3) that we discipline according to that standard (Prov. 22:15, 22:6, 3:11-12). Easier said than done. Which of those three areas do you find most challenging as a parent? Where do you turn to for help and encouragement when you fail as a parent?
6. The final idea this week was that "The Relationship Between Children and Parents is About Honor" (Prov. 23:22). What does honoring your parents look like for you today?
7. One universal way that we can honor our parents is by forgiving them (Prov. 20:20). Why can it be so difficult to forgive our parents and how can we do it?
8. Did Proverbs challenge your way of thinking regarding any of the three relationships we looked at on Sunday? Of those relationships, where would you most like to see growth in your own life?
9. What are some other areas in the Bible that address the relationships we discussed this week? How do these cross-references help you understand marriage or parent/ child relationships more fully?