



MESSAGE GROUPS - MOTHER'S DAY 2019 - MAY 12

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

To transform families, we have to start with what's at the heart of each one: moms. Although Mother's Day is difficult for some, God is still good and He has called us to love on and support our moms. God has spoken truth over who she is. He has given her strength, blessed her with family, and surrounded her with a loving community to support her - both in good times and bad.

ICEBREAKER:

Share a favorite memory of your mom or a motherly figure in your life. Why do you think the role that moms play is so important?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Satan tries to attack moms and all of us in two ways: isolation and discouragement. He started with Eve in the garden, through separating her from God's truth and the desires He had for her and Adam's life.

- **Q:** *Is there a season of your life that you have felt isolated? What are ways you can move toward God and others in seasons of isolation? Why is isolation a dangerous place to stay in?*

Read **Luke 13: 6-8** aloud. This short parable reflects how disappointment seeps into our lives when our expectations and God's will do not align. Satan uses disappointment to get us to give up and walk away.

- **Q:** *Share a story of a time you felt discouraged. What does it look like to trust God even when we are discouraged in life? What lessons has God taught you through your discouragement?*

The way we fight Satan's tactics of isolation and discouragement is through prayer. Whether you're praying for yourself or someone else, this is an eternal gift and invites God's power and presence into your life.

- **Q:** *Do you have a specific prayer request for an area of isolation or discouragement - either for yourself or someone else? How can this group help pray for you?*

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The best way to fight isolation and discouragement is through a loving community that speaks God's truth to those in need of it. Leaders, ask your group how everyone can pray specifically for them when the enemy seeks to separate them from God and His Kingdom. If you have moms in your group, ask how you can continue to encourage them in their current season.

